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JAPANESE BLOCKADE STATEMENT

Canton, To-day.
The Japanese spokesman yesterday morning issued a statement that the Japanese would maintain the blockade instituted on February 3 of the Pearl River.
—Our Own Correspondent.

F.B.I. DELEGATES FOR BERLIN TALKS

London, To-day.
The delegation which will represent the Federation of British Industries in the pending talks with German industrialists, has been chosen.

The delegation will be headed by the President of the F.B.I., Mr. Peter Bennett, and will include Sir William Locke and other officials.

A statement issued by the F.B.I. yesterday says that the chief object of the Anglo-German talks is to make a survey of industry, to find out where contacts can most usefully be made.

In some branches of industry, contact had already been established.

The talks will begin next month and are expected to last two or three days.

JAPS. GIVE ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR

Tokyo, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, at 9.30 this morning, and made representations regarding Hainan Island similar to those made by the French Ambassador yesterday morning.

The Foreign Minister's explanation to Sir Robert Craigie was virtually identical with the assurance given to the French Ambassador.

The assurance in question was that Japan had no territorial designs on Hainan. — Reuter.

NEW ATTACK ON SOUTH COAST

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Kwongchowwan, To-day.

Japanese military and naval forces occupied Sam-A, southmost coastal town on Hainan Island, this morning, according to wireless messages received here at noon.

The landing followed intense shelling by warships and bombing by aircraft, and was successfully carried out with scarcely any fighting.

The Chinese troops were forced to withdraw inland by the bombardment, which lasted almost two hours, and the Japanese landing was effected about 6 a.m.

Sam-A is close to Yulin which was bombed several times last year prior to the occupation of Canton by the Japanese, and was one of the out of the way ports which the Chinese have been utilising for the import of war supplies.

The occupied town is connected with Hoihow by highway and it is believed that the Japanese will advance northwards on the highway which runs along the east coast of the island to Lohwei, where it branches off to Wenchang and to Hoihow via Ting An.

FIGHTING ON OUTSKIRTS

Over 1,000 Japanese troops, besides many blue-jackets, are reported to have been landed in Sam-A. More troops are being landed from transports and the harbour of Sam-A is packed with armed trawlers and other Japanese warcraft, including an aircraft carrier.

Fighting, state last wireless messages, has broken out between the Japanese and Chinese forces on the outskirts of Sam-A, a few miles from the town.

The port has been practically reduced to ruins by the incessant shelling and bombing this morning and many buildings are reported still burning.

Roads leading from the port are thronged with refugees fleeing from the coast. Pitiful scenes are reported, many families being without anything except their bed-clothes. The attack on the town was a complete surprise. — Our Own Correspondent.

EX-SHANGHAI G.O.C. IN HONG KONG

Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, retiring Commander of British troops in the Shanghai area, arrived in Hong Kong on board the "Glengarry" this morning.

Major-General Telfer-Smollett, who is proceeding to England where he has been appointed Governor of Guernsey, is staying at Admiralty House.

WEATHER CONTRASTS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

After a colder week-end, London is again experiencing the freak weather of last week, when conditions approximating to Spring were experienced, and crocuses are again out in London parks.

However, some parts of the country are not so fortunate. In Wales, there have been heavy falls of snow, and on many roads progress is impossible.

In East Anglia, the floods show no sign of abating, and large areas near Ipswich are under water.

DESTROYER LEAVES FOR HAINAN

The American destroyer "John D. Edwards" has left Hong Kong for Hoihow, in Hainan Island.

The destroyer has been ordered to investigate the situation and give any help necessary to American nationals.

She is due to arrive at Hoihow this evening.

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MUSSOLINI, CONSCRIPT.

I was a tramp— Mussolini



"Even now she can see me."

"The night was splendid. The moon rose behind the very high mountains, white with snow amidst a silvery smile of stars. Lake Lugano gave out magical reflections like a polished sheet of metal on which beat unknown and enchanting lights. In the railway carriage all were sleeping. I alone was thinking. What thoughts filled my brain that night which divided two parts of my life? I do not remember. Only in the morning when we crossed German Switzerland and a November rain struck us as coldly as the farewell of a condemned man, did I recall with a heart pang the green countryside of Italy kissed by a sun of fire."

An emigrant is speaking. A poet: yes, and a patriot, tearing himself away from the loved homeland: Benito Mussolini, aged 19, going into a strange country. He had just under two shillings in his pocket.

He got out of the train at Yverdon, on Lake Neuchâtel, stiff, cold and hungry. He looked for a job.

The dictator of Italy, like the dictator of Germany, began his climb to power and fame as a bricklayer's mate, and he, too, loathed it.

"After three days of searching I went to work as a labourer. Eleven hours a day, 2½d. an hour. One hundred and twenty-one trips I made with that hand barrow full of bricks

up the plank to the scaffolding of the house we were building. By night my arm muscles had swelled terribly. I ate a few potatoes baked in ashes. Then, with all my clothes, on, I threw myself on my bed, a pile of straw."

"Mussolini hated the boss. 'I chafed with the terrible rage of the powerless. I should have liked to crack the skull of that upstart who was accusing me of laziness while the stones were making my bones ache; to shout in his face, 'Coward! Coward! And then? Right is always on the side of the man who pays you!'"

"Saturday night came. I told the boss I intended to quit and that he should pay me off. With ill-disguised rage he threw into my hands fifteen shillings, saying, 'Here's your wages, and they are stolen.' I stood petrified with wrath. What should I have done to him? Kill him? What did I do to him? Nothing! Why? Because I was hungry and had no shoes. I took the train for Lausanne."

Underneath The Arches

In Lausanne there some thousands of his own countrymen, and also the executive committee of the Swiss branch of the Italian Socialist Party. But Mussolini did not know this at first.

Vainly he trudged about seeking work. By the end of the week he was hard up again the only coin he had in his pocket was a nickel medalion of Karl Marx.

He was homeless and famished. His hunger gave him cramp in the stomach, and he sat down on the steps of the William Tell statue. He says he looked like a tramp. He was a

tramp. "Oh, if De Dominicis had come to preach his morality to me there, with what gusto I would have laid him out!"

He walked along the lovely road that goes by the shore. The sun fell and the bells sounded across the darkening water, "a sweet melody like a mother's lullaby over the cradle of her little boy." He wept. He wondered if he could bear another day of life.

Here is his memory of that evening of despair and rage.

The tramp clutches the railings of the hotel garden, peers through the bushes, listens to the orchestra. An elderly couple pass him. They look English. "I would like to beg from them a penny. But the words die on my lips. The lady, stocky and smooth-skinned, glitters with gold and precious stones. I have not a farthing. I have no bed, I have no bread. I make off cursing. IS IT NOT THE RIGHT OF WHOEVER IS DOWN TO BITE HIM WHO CRUSHES HIM?"

He lay down under an old barge, but the mountain wind whipped him from it. He took shelter under the arches of a bridge. Next day he started into a shop window at a filthy, ragged creature and did not recognise Mussolini. He begged from an Italian in the street, rushed to a baker's shop and bought a loaf. "I bit into it with the ferocity of a Cerberus. I had not eaten for 26 hours."

He Was An Agitator

His was the lot of many a poor Italian emigrant. But Mussolini, the schoolmaster, reckoned himself a cut above that. Like Hitler, the would-be artist, who also starved and begged and slept in the down-and-out shelters of Vienna, Mussolini passionately resented being driven down into the ranks of the submerged.

In Mussolini's own "Mein Kampf," his Autobiography, he, like the Austrian, enlarges on the theme of his early hardships, "Milestones of My Maturity."

"These days of toil and pain hardened my spirit. They taught me how to live. For me it would have been terrible if on my journey forward I had fallen into the chains of a comfortable Government job. These energies that I now enjoy were trained by obstacles and by bitterness of soul. They were forged by struggle!"

Mussolini's vanity, however, makes him convey the idea that soon he became a mason and "felt the fierce, grim pleasure of construction." Actually most of his working time he was a labourer, hodcarrier, butcher's man, even errand boy. But he worked in gusts only, and once was arrested for vagrancy.

Mussolini, in fact, already had only one trade. He was an agitator. At that he made headway.

The Police Threw Him Out

It was evening. The Italian Socialist Club at Lausanne was filling up with its medley of socialists, anarchists, republicans, co-operatives. An evening of argument, and possibly brawl, was scheduled as usual.

Mussolini, according to George Selde's account, was introduced by a comrade with the words, "Here is a fellow-countryman who has come to Switzerland to escape military service."

Thus begins another Mussolini legend—that he deserted. You may reject it. Of course if he had remained in Italy he would have been called up—a year later. He did, in fact, return voluntarily and submit himself to service in 1904.

And why, indeed, should Mussolini NOT take advantage of State tuition in the art of handling a rifle? Mussolini, aged 19, proposed to overthrow the Capitalist Monarchist Italian State. He knew that it could only be done violently, and to this end it was useful to know how to apply violence.

Mussolini ate, for the second time, the bread of charity. Promptly then he launched forth into the smoke laden "battle of ideas" that raged nightly in the Socialist club. Thereafter he took his part with the most formidable Bar Bolsheviks.

The vehement proclamation of his volcanic policies, his flashing eye and black temper, his quick, catlike brain got him a job in short time. A month after he arrived in Switzerland Mussolini was on the street corner haranguing the comrades. Four months later he was secretary of the Italian trade union of masons and masons' helpers. Before he had been there a year he was associated with an anarchist plan for a general strike. The police of Bern expelled him from the canton.

At this period Mussolini identified himself with every kind of attack on the Italian State and on the Church, provided that it was virulent. This phase we have seen in others who have subsequently blossomed both as patriots and believers. Mussolini's first literary effusion was a pamphlet on the subject, *God does not exist*. It affirms, "In science religion is an absurdity; in practice it is immorality; and in men it is a disease." For two years Mussolini spoke, wrote, agitated, and organised for Socialism up and down Switzerland, sometimes passing into France, Germany, Austria, Italy even. He found time to attend lectures at the University.

In May 1904 he was first jailed and then expelled from Geneva for staying there without a proper passport. The date had been altered, but Mussolini denied that he had done it himself.

"Some intemperance in my words made me undesirable to the Swiss authorities," confides Mussolini in his Autobiography. "They expelled me from two cantons. I was forced into new places. Not until 1922 at the Conference of Lausanne, when I was Premier of Italy, did I see again some of my old haunts, filled with memories colourful or drab."

Two women shaped Mussolini's young manhood. The first was his mother. Of her, he writes, "My greatest love was for her. She was so quiet, so tender, and so strong." The second woman was Angelica Balabanov.

Balabanov was the daughter of a rich Russian merchant. She had a brilliant mind, a deep and generous humanity, and the soul of a rebel. She had given away her fortune and had long been identified with the international revolutionary movement which in those days had its hearth in free Switzerland. She was the friend of Lenin, then living in obscure poverty in Geneva. All her life Balabanov hated oppression and she broke with the Bolsheviks when they made their revolution a Terror.

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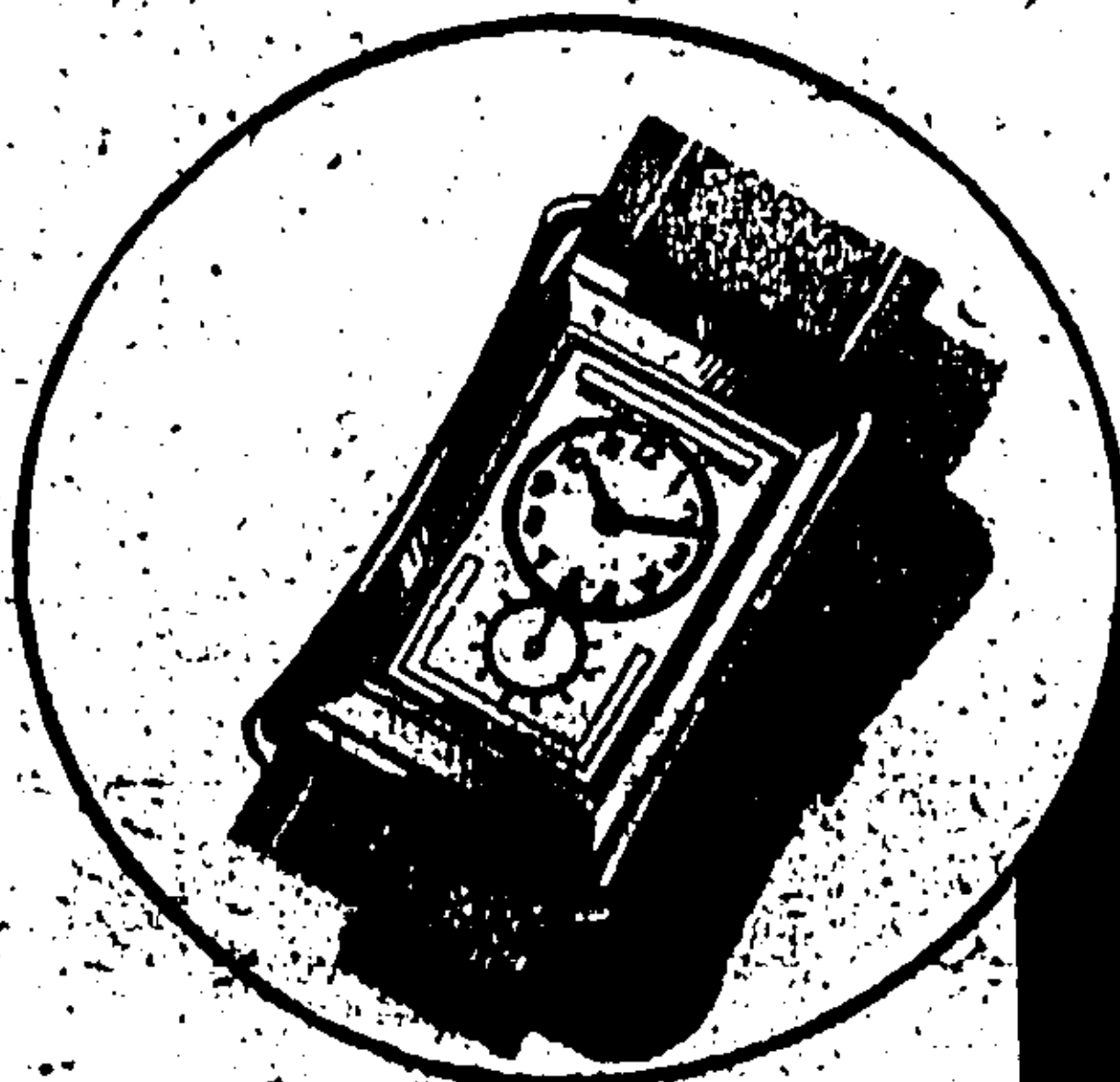
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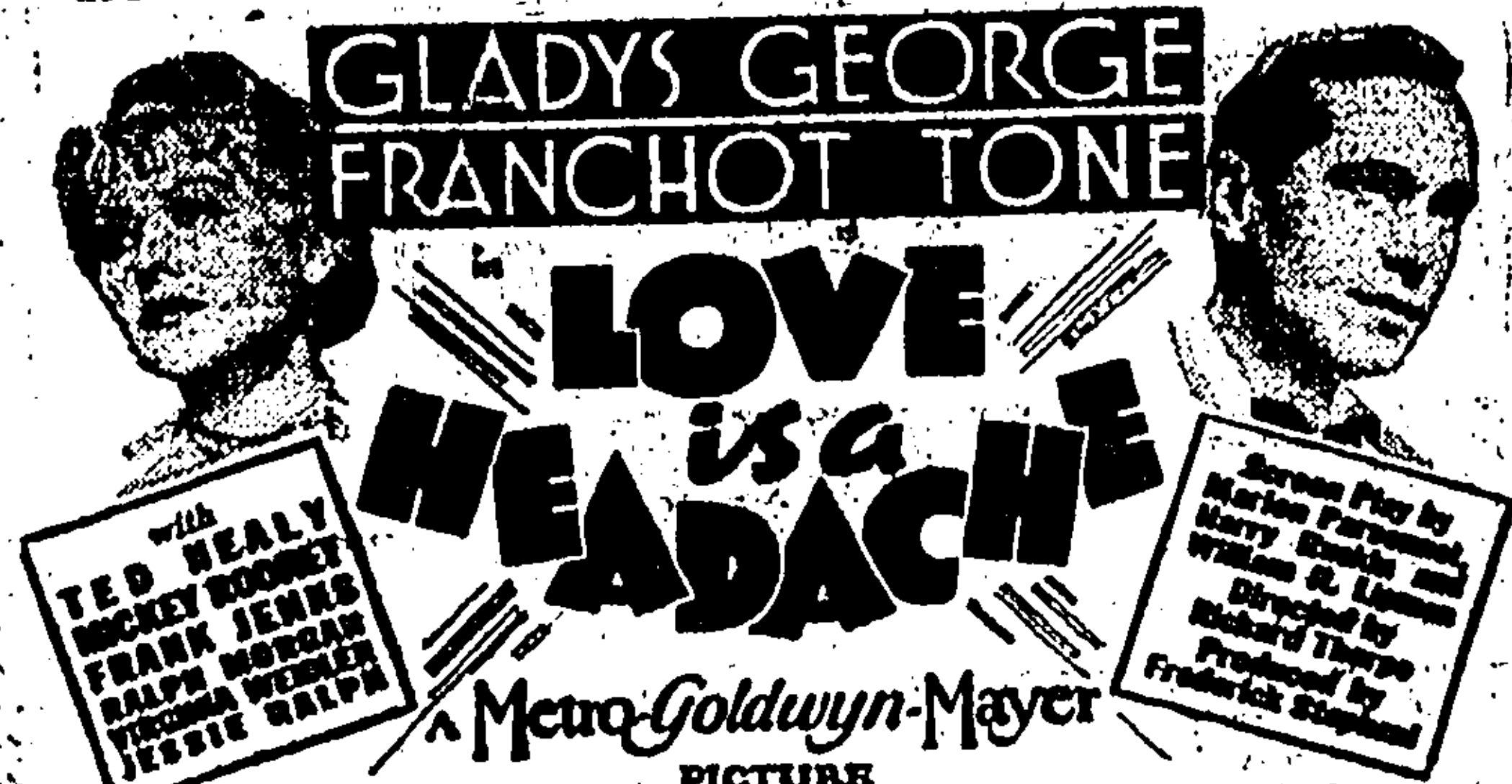
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Prime Minister On Minorca Occupation

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER AT COMMONS QUESTION TIME GAVE
AN ACCOUNT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE BRITISH GOV-
ERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF H.M.S.
DEVONSHIRE TO PORT MAHON AND THE SURRENDER
OF MINORCA.

He said: "At the request of the
local authorities in Palma the Bri-
tish Government undertook to con-
vey a Spanish senior officer to
Minorca in order that he might
negotiate peaceful surrender of
the island.

"The British Government had
previously been informed that un-
less they could make negotiation
possible by providing means of
communication, an attack would be
launched on Minorca. Thereupon,
seeing that a British ship provided
the only available means of making
peaceful contact with Minorca, and
being anxious that unnecessary
bloodshed should be avoided, the
offer of the services of H.M.S. De-
vonshire was made.

"The British Government con-
sulted neither the Spanish Govern-
ment nor the Burgos authorities,
though the local authorities at
Palma were, it is understood, in
touch with General Franco.

"The French Government, who
were kept fully informed, approved
the action of the British Govern-
ment. H.M.S. Devonshire duly pro-
ceeded to Minorca, and it is under-
stood that surrender of the island
has now taken place. The British
Government have taken no part in
the negotiations and have no re-
sponsibility for them.

AIR ATTACK

H.M.S. Devonshire has taken the
opportunity of embarking some 450
refugees who considered they
might run the risk of reprisal. These
refugees have now been landed at
Marseilles in cooperation with the
French authorities."

This statement gave rise to a
number of supplementary questions,
some of which related to the air
attack on Port Mahon while De-
vonshire was in the roads.

After saying that representations
had been made to General Franco,
and being further pressed by the
Opposition leader, Mr. Chamberlain
said:

ORDERS DISOBEYED

"Perhaps I had better read the
following telegram received from
our Consul at Palma. He says: The
Nationalist senior naval officer who
takes charge in the temporary ab-
sence of Admiral Moreno, has au-
thorised me to cite him officially as
saying that the attack was carried
out in disobedience of orders and
is very much regretted. He pro-
mises to reply on Monday?"

In another supplementary reply
the Premier declared he thought
the position of the British Govern-
ment had been made perfectly clear
and he did not think there had been
any misunderstanding about it at the
time or that the facilities afforded
could be regarded as conferring
British prestige on the demand of
General Franco's envoy for surren-
der of the island.—British Wireless.



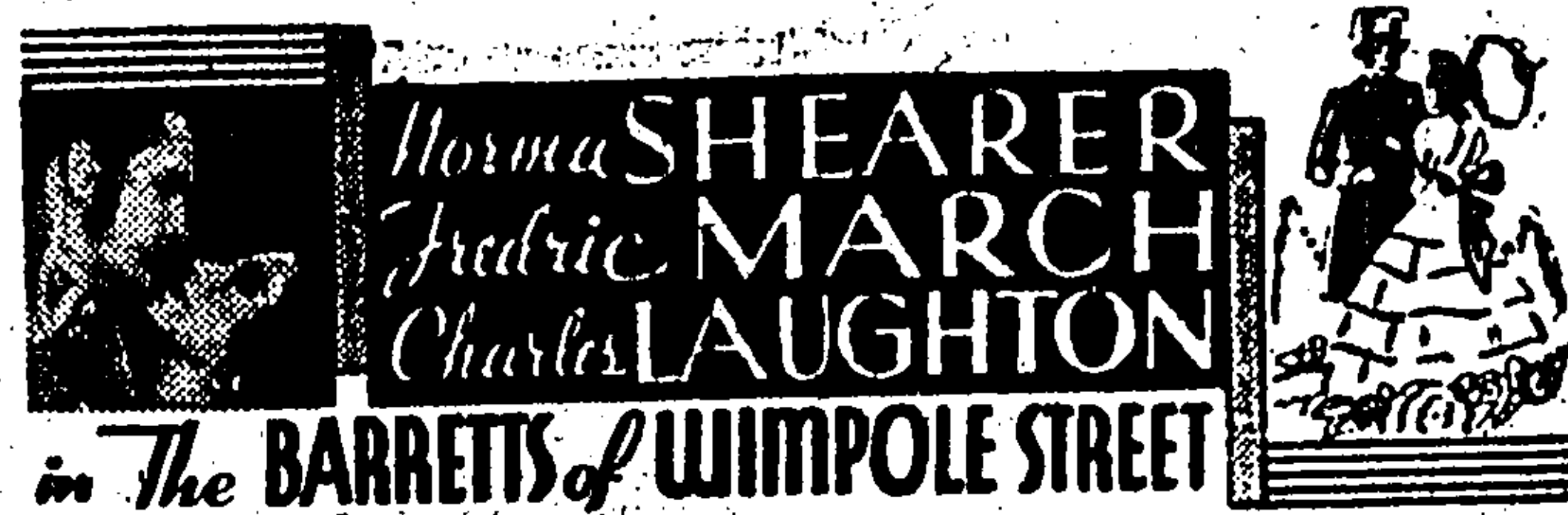
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CHINESE PATRIOTS STAGE ANOTHER SHANGHAI DEMONSTRATION

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
FORESHADOWING A MORE SERIOUS ATTACK, A GROUP OF ABOUT TEN ARMED YOUNG CHINESE GATHERED HUGE CROWDS YESTERDAY IN THE JAPANESE CONTROLLED PART OF WESTERN SHANGHAI WHERE THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GAMBLING AND OPIUM DENS, AND URGED THEM TO CO-OPERATE IN STAMPING OUT THESE EVILS AND NOT ASSIST THE JAPANESE.

They then proceeded to smash up two gambling dens completely, stating this was a warning.

After this they fired a number of shots into a police station of the Japanese-controlled Ta Tao City Government and shouted to Chinese Ta Tao policemen concealed in the police station a warning that serious things would happen to them if they continued to assist the Japanese.

One Ta Tao policeman was severely beaten and warned that next time he would be shot.

Throughout the proceedings, neither Japanese nor Ta Tao authorities made an appearance and later refused to comment on the affair.

The area affected is outside the jurisdiction of the International Settlement police. — Trans-Ocean.

JESSFIELD ROAD

Chungking, To-day.
Staging increasingly daring coups daily, a band of over a dozen Chinese armed plainclothes men marched to the corner of Jessfield and Brenan Roads in the western district of Shanghai yesterday morning and surrounded the police station of the bogus Shanghai municipal government there, according to a Shanghai message.

The plainclothes men, who have made a number of similar demonstrations during the week-end, attacked the police station and forced the policemen to seek hiding inside. A number of windows of the police station were shattered by the gang.

Two large gambling resorts in Jessfield Road were next attacked by the plainclothes men and suffered heavy damage.

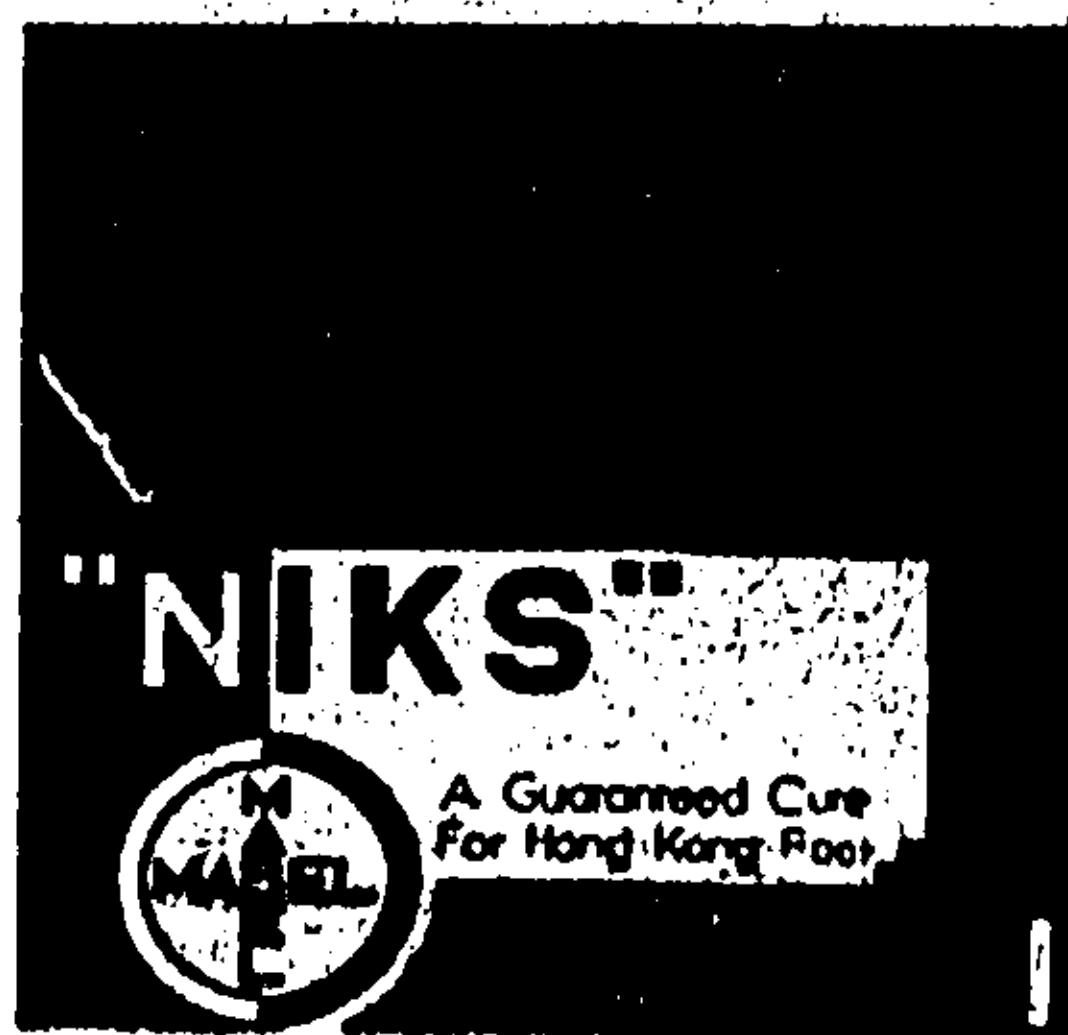
After their work of havoc, the men left without being followed. — Central News.

LORD RUNCIMAN INDISPOSED

London, To-day.

It is announced from 10 Downing Street that the Lord President of the Council has been suffering from the after effects of an attack of influenza and has been advised to take a short period of complete rest to accelerate recovery.

With the Prime Minister's concurrence, therefore, Lord Runciman has decided to take a sea voyage. He is leaving for Australia in the liner Strathnaver on Friday. — British Wireless.



PREMIER WILL NOT CONSULT THE HOUSE

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government was in close touch with the French Government, but had as yet taken no decision in the matter of recognition of General Franco.

Asked to give an assurance that Parliament would be consulted before action was taken, Mr. Chamberlain declared the Government must take the responsibility.

In reply to questions, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the Nationalist senior naval officer at Palma had admitted that the bombardment of Port Mahon during the call of the cruiser Devonshire was in disobedience of orders, and was very much regretted. — Reuter.

CHANGING SITUATION

British Wireless says that Mr. Chamberlain replied: "It would obviously be impossible for me to give such an assurance in a situation which is changing very rapidly. I may say, however, that His Majesty's Government, who are in close touch with the French Government, have as yet taken no decision in the matter."

In another answer, the Under-Secretary assured the House there was the closest contact between the British and French Governments on all matters concerning the Spanish situation.

Mr. R. A. Butler also informed the House that the present military situation in Spain had in no way affected the decision not to grant belligerent rights to the Spanish Nationalists until foreign troops had been withdrawn from Spain.

40 DEAD IN CAWNPORE COMMUNAL RIOTS

Cawnpore, To-day.

Casualties since the outbreak of rioting are unofficially estimated at 40 killed and 400 injured. The police have made 600 arrests.

Curfew has been enforced and the military ordered to shoot rioters or anyone moving about without a permit after sunset.

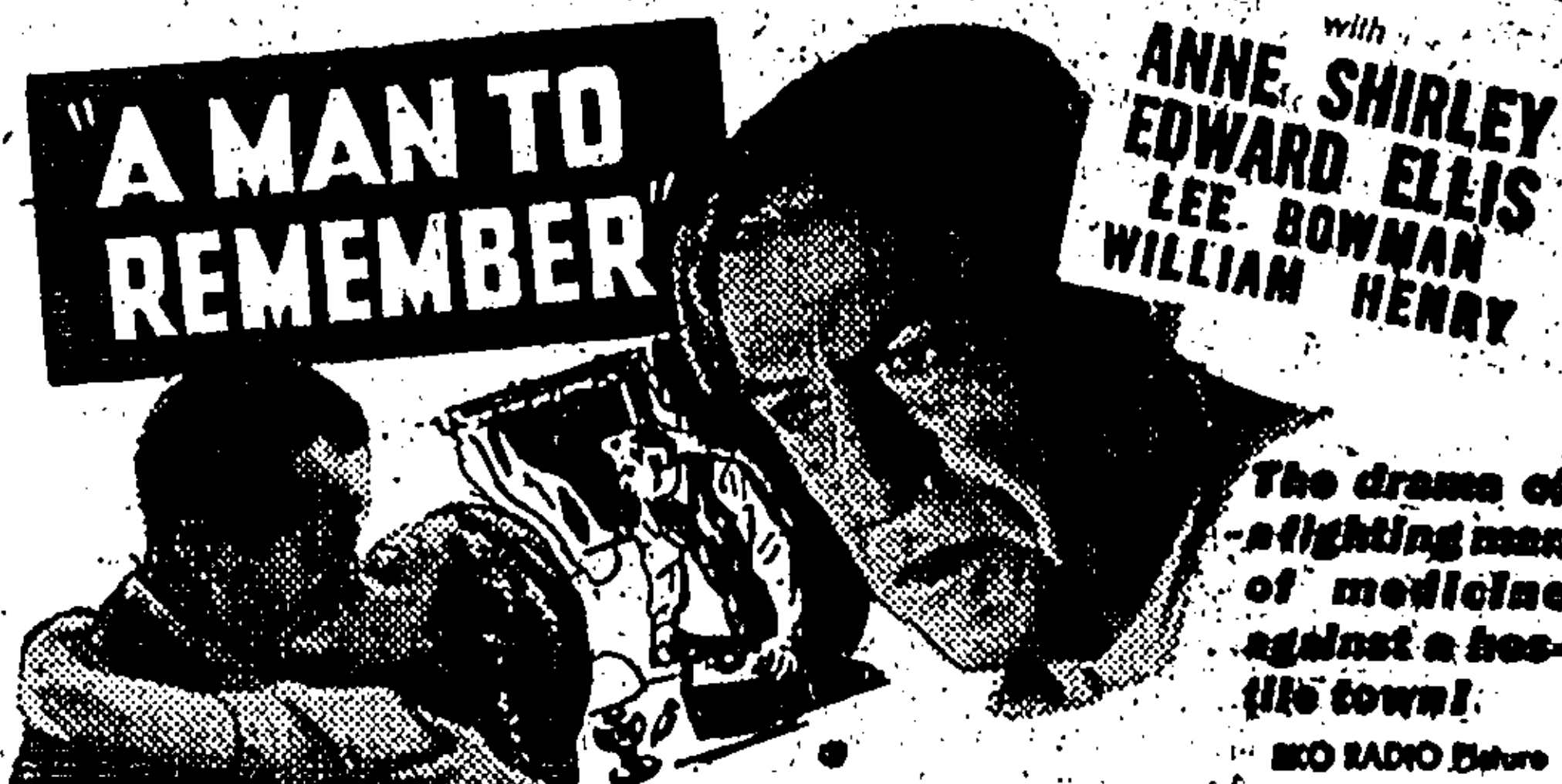
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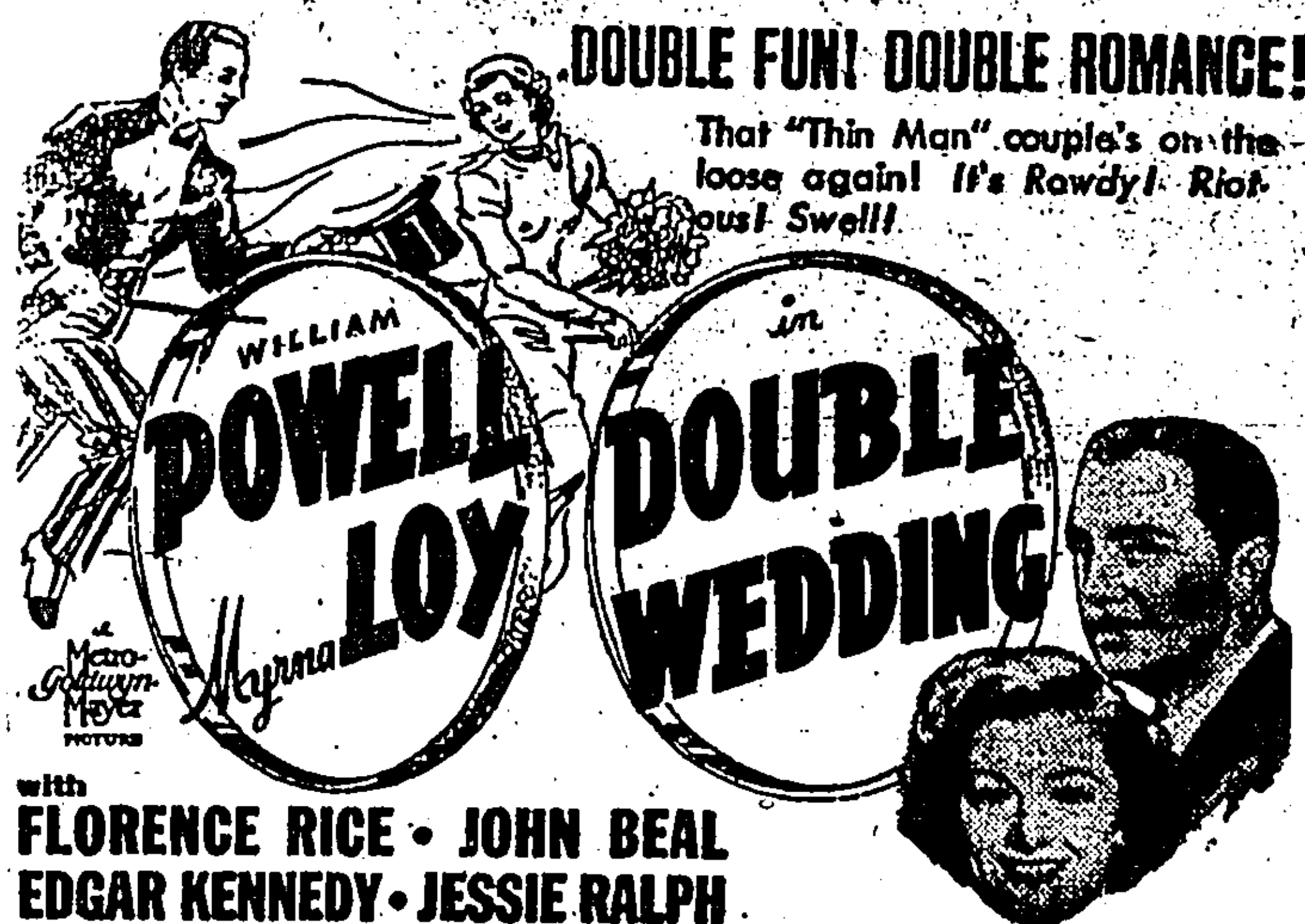
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"PIRATE" ON BUS ROUTE

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The driver, Tsoi Kwo-chiu, 19, was said to be on January 10, using his private car to take passengers along Nathan Road to Tsum Wan.

He was charged with using a private car for hire and with infringing the Motor Bus Company's rights.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared for the driver and pleaded guilty on the first count. Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain, who conducted the prosecution, withdrew the second charge.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

HEROIN CASE SENTENCES

Two Chinese women were sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for possession of heroin pills.

Mok Wai-ha was found guilty of possessing 55,700 pills and Chan Nui-king was convicted of possessing 68,500.

A Chinese, Leung Man, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour for possession of 3,000 heroin pills.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Li Muk-hon, summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, for driving without due care and caution at Stubbs Road on January 30, was fined \$20.

Mr. Stenersen, complainant, told the Court that he was driving towards Repulse Bay, when suddenly car No. 2407 came towards him on the wrong side of the road at an excessive speed on the last curve, before reaching Stubbs Road, and passed another car in the middle of the curve.

\$1,000 STOLEN

A Chinese, Long Cheong, of No. 2, Cheong Lok Street, reports that \$1,033.10 was stolen from his residence during the week-end; and Tse Tak-sang, of No. 17, Bonham Strand West, reports that articles, valued at \$264 were stolen from the first floor of No. 181, Wing Sing Street yesterday.

SUMMONS AGAINST HO-TUNG CHAUFFEUR DISMISSED

Sir Robert Ho-tung's chauffeur, Ip Chun, was summoned at the Central Magistracy this morning for leaving a car unattended in Des Voeux Road Central near the Bank of Canton on January 31.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for defendant.

Major Ho Shai-lai, son of Sir Robert, said that he was talking to Sergeant Youe at about 12.35 p.m. on January 31, before the driver returned. He was standing on the pavement, about 15 feet away from the car, during the driver's absence. Later, he boarded the car with two friends. He said that the Sergeant did not ask him to move the car. He could have done so, if requested.

Mr. Forrest said that the case was not proved and dismissed the summons.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN N.T.

A Chinese bicyclist, who had his wife on the handlebars was robbed of \$104 by three highway robbers, two armed with revolvers, near Sau Uk-ling, on the way to Man Kow-to Bridge from Shum Chun market at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday. The robbers escaped into Chinese territory where, it is believed, two were arrested and one wounded by villagers.

AMERICAN CHARGED

A 47-year-old American engineer, Ellsworth L. Marshall, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with entering the Colony without a valid passport on Friday last. Detective Sergeant Loughlin said that defendant came from Canton. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

FOREIGN LADY ROBBED

A hand-bag, contents valued at \$45, was stolen from a bench at the Fanling Race Course, according to the owner, Mrs. E. C. Federicks, of Repulse Bay.

Mr. S. Gidley, residing at No. 37 Kimberley Road, first floor, was this morning cautioned at the Kowloon Court by Mr. E. Himsforth for having allowed his terrier dog to go out in Granville Road, without a muzzle or a lead, on January 24.



A tragic procession of refugees is daily pouring to the French frontier. The tragedy of Spain is reflected in this Spanish mother's face, as, with her two children, she waits at Perthus before the French authorities pass her over the border into safety.

MR. BUTLER BOMBARDED WITH CHINA QUERIES

BRITAIN TO PRESS RAILWAY QUESTION

London, To-day.

A series of questions was put in regard to China in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Conservative, Bilston) brought up the question of relations between the British Concession in Tientsin and the Japanese authorities there.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in his reply referred to the representations made to the local Japanese authorities and the Japanese Government in regard to the restrictions on movements imposed on the ground of precautions against anti-Japanese activities.

Mr. Butler said the situation would continue to be closely watched.

Replying to questions by Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) Mr. Butler pointed out that the Government had made representations to both Governments which at different times had been responsible for closure of the Pearl River.

They proposed to continue to take all possible steps to secure re-opening of the river.

RAILWAY INTERESTS

In regard to negotiations with the Japanese Government in regard to British interests in the Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Hangchow and Peiping-Mukden Railways, Mr. Butler said his position remained as stated in the answer he gave on December 21.

The question had been under examination with a view to deciding what further action was likely to be effective.

Mr. Moreing urged Mr. Butler to press the matter, and said that on December 21 the matter already had been under consideration for months.

Mr. Butler: Certainly.

SHANGHAI NEGOTIATIONS

In a further reply to Mr. Moreing, Mr. Butler said the question of resumption of control by the Shanghai Municipal Council over the districts of Yangtse-poo and Hongkew was now being discussed between the Council and the local Japanese authorities.

Pending result of these discussions it was not proposed to approach the Japanese Government in this connection.

Replying to Commander A. Marsden (Conservative, Chertsey) Mr. Butler said the British Consul-General in Shanghai had reported that he had received information to the effect that little headway had been made with proposed formation of the Yangtse River Steamship Company, and it appeared doubtful whether the new company had yet acquired any tonnage.

In other respects the situation in regard to navigation on the Yangtse remained unchanged.

Renewed representations had been made to the Japanese Government

by His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo on January 14.

FEDERAL CURRENCY

Mr. Hannah asked a question in regard to the Japanese authorities' refusal to authorise the Federal Reserve Bank and Japanese banks to sell foreign exchange against Federal Reserve Bank currency.

He suggested that representations be made to the Japanese Government in regard to the "futility of asking for recognition of a currency which is not permitted to be the medium of exchange."

Mr. Butler replied that the Government did not feel that such representations would serve any useful purpose at this juncture, since the Japanese Government was already aware of their view that establishment of an inconvertible currency in North China was calculated to be injurious to the interests of all powers trading there, but the matter would be borne in mind.—Reuter.

FRENCH DENIAL

Paris, To-day.

The Japanese report that 49 French airmen have gone or are going to assist the Chinese Government, is officially denied in Paris.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND IMPORT SCHEME DISPUTE

Wellington, To-day.

The New Zealand Solicitor-General has declined to issue a summons to enable the Bureau of Importers to test the validity of the Government's import control scheme.

The Solicitor-General added that he was not prepared to facilitate such action.

The Bureau states the matter still rests in the hands of their solicitors.—Reuter.

ANOTHER MATA HARI DIES

Chengchow, To-day.

The famous Japanese "Mata Hari", Miss Yoshimko Kawashima, who was critically wounded when she was attacked by unidentified assailants at Tientsin recently, succumbed to her wounds yesterday.

The alleged Japanese female spy, who was of striking beauty, had been very active in North China.—Central News.

NEW RAID SHELTERS PASS STIFF TEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN CONNECTION WITH A.R.P. THE LORD PRIVY SEAL ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENT WOULD BE SOUGHT FOR AN IMMEDIATE START ON A PROGRAMME COSTING £1,000,000 FOR PROVISION OF FIFTY HOLIDAY CAMPS.

The camps would be designed to accommodate 350 in peace time and 3,500 under wartime conditions, when they would be used as supplement billeting under evacuation schemes.

Results were also made public yesterday of tests carried out at the experimental ranges at Shoeburyness which showed that steel air-raid shelters, free distribution of which to families in lower income groups is expected to commence at the end of the month, will, if sunk in the ground and covered with earth as recommended by the authorities, afford protection to the occupants from high explosive bombs falling within thirty feet.

SHELTERS INTACT

In yesterday's experiment, a 500-lb. medium case high explosive bomb was electrically detonated, and although the explosion tore a huge crater in the earth and practically demolished a substantially built structure representing a row of two storey houses, the shelters remained intact although brickwork from the blown-up buildings crashed down upon them.—British Wireless.

CONFLICTING ANTARCTIC CLAIMS

Hobart, To-day.

Conflicting claims have arisen over the Antarctic territories since Lincoln Ellsworth's return, claiming 430,000 square miles on behalf of the United States.

Ellsworth explains that the dispute is due to different principles whereon such claims may be based.

Lincoln Ellsworth declared that Douglas Mawson, who claimed the whole of Princess Elizabethland for Britain, was using the so-called sector principle of the geographical societies.

Ellsworth himself, however, had adopted the Government's principle of claims made on the basis of land seen by the explorer.

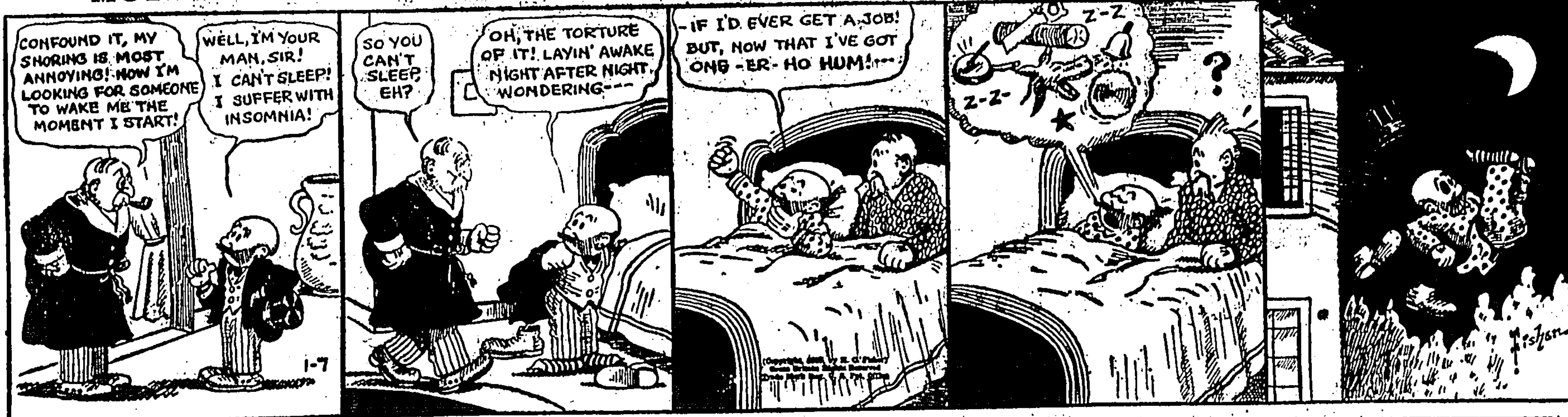
If the claims overlapped, he said he would claim an area of 150 miles radius from Meridian 68.

Lincoln Ellsworth sailed for America yesterday.—Reuter.



A large number of unemployed men staged a demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament in London. They attempted another "sit-down strike", but were prevented by police who arrested a number of them. Photo shows one of the demonstrators getting a rough handling from the police as he is marched away.

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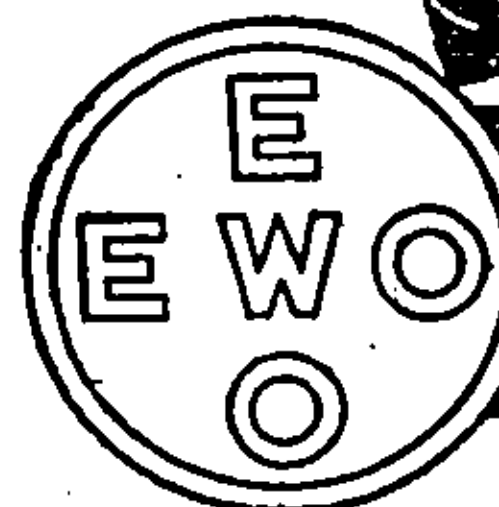
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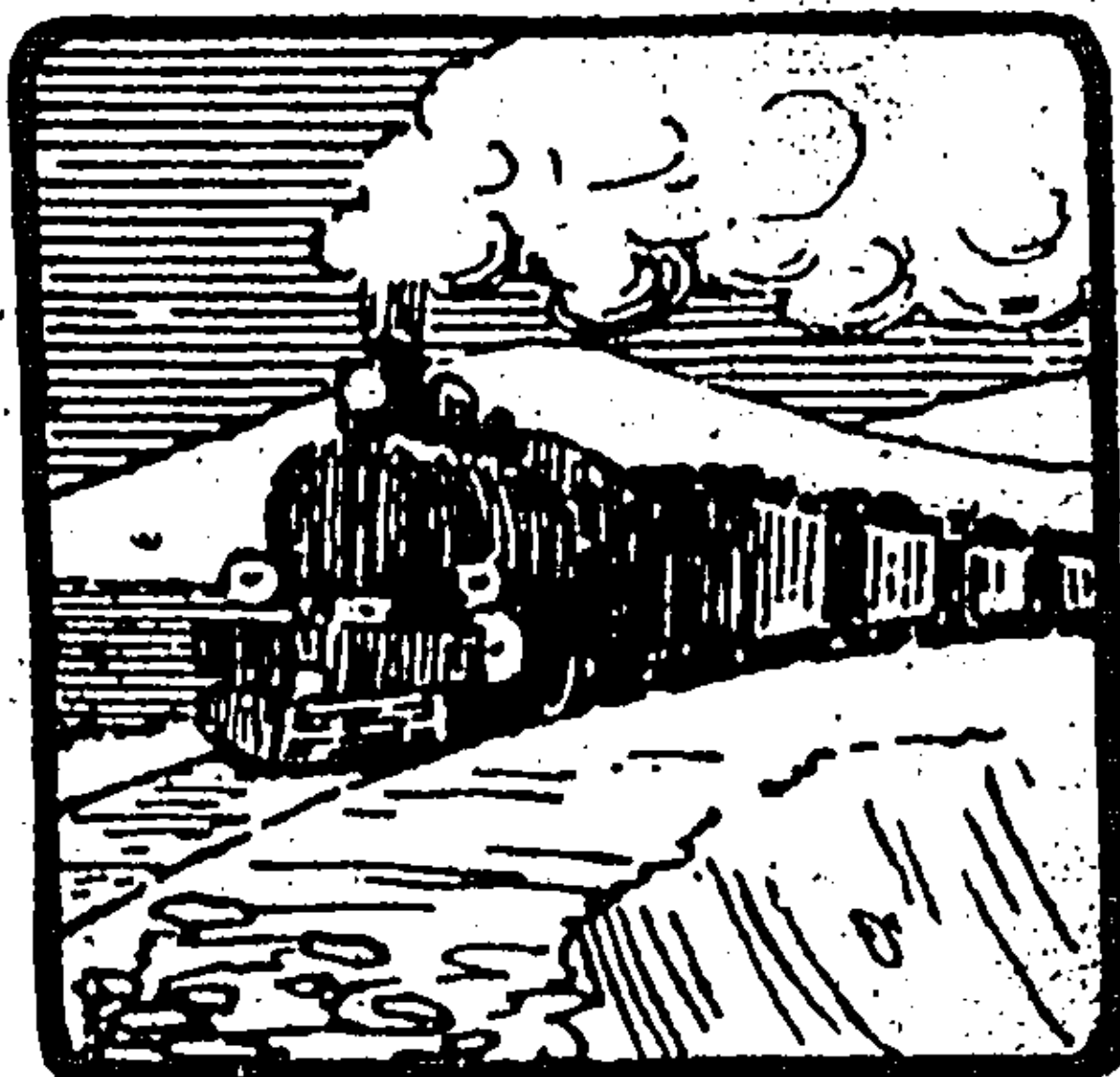
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Burma Road Queries
In The Commons

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LT.-COL. MUIRHEAD, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA AND BURMA, REFERRED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY TO THE BURMA SECTOR OF THE NEW HIGHWAY FROM LASHIO TO KUNMING (YUNNANFU).

Lt.-Col. Muirhead was replying to a question as to what were the transport facilities between Burma and China and what steps were being taken to improve the present means of communication and to open up new ones.

AIR ROUTE

The Minister also referred to the connection, a portion of which at present is only practicable in dry weather, between Bhamo and the new road.

In addition, there was the traditional caravan route between Bhamo and Tengyueh.

Reciprocal arrangements had recently been concluded with the Chinese Government for establishment of an air route between Burma and Kunming, and arrangements were under consideration for inauguration services.

STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE

Mr. R. Gibson (Labour, Greenock), asked in view of the Japanese occupation of Hainan, whether these communications had not a strategical and potential commercial importance.

He asked whether the Government had measures in view for increasing transport facilities.

Lt.-Col. Muirhead asked for notice of the question.

Asked by a Conservative member whether Chinese penetration into Burma along these routes was causing serious apprehension amongst the people of Burma, Lt.-Col. Muirhead declared he had no information.—Reuter.

NEW HONG KONG
THEATRE

A large audience attended the preview at the new Cathay Theatre in Wanchai last night of "Battle of Broadway," starring Victor McLaglen, Brian Donlevy and Louise Rainer.

The Cathay Theatre is staging a grand opening with the film to-day.

CONGRESS SORROW

Washington, To-day.

Congress has adjourned until to-day after both Houses had adopted resolutions expressing sorrow at the Pope's death.—Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS
THEFT OF
EXPLOSIVE

BELFAST, TO-DAY.

THE THEFT OF 60 LBS. OF GELIGNITE FROM A BRICKFIELD IN A BELFAST SUBURB ON SATURDAY NIGHT, AFTER ITS DISCOVERY YESTERDAY MORNING, LED TO AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH BY THE BELFAST CONSTABULARY.

It is believed the thieves are members of the Irish Republican Army needing explosive material for making bombs.

Police are working on the theory that the thieves have accomplices within the brickworks because no other explanation is available for disappearance of the gelignite from a locked safe.—Trans-Ocean.

MAD BUFFALO'S
DASH THROUGH
KOWLOON

A mad buffalo, after dashing wildly through Kowloon streets, was shot dead by a sanitary inspector and a police officer at Shamshui police station last evening.

The animal's mad dash took it from Kowloon City, along Prince Edward Road and on to the police station, where its career was ended.

Its owner chased the animal through the streets but was left far behind.

The buffalo, just before being shot, wrecked the car of the Divisional Inspector outside the police station.

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HOMELESSNESS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Root Of The Palestine Problem

DR. WEIZMANN'S STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The text of the official statement made on behalf of the Jewish Agency at the Palestine Conference, was issued last night.

It states that the root of the Jewish problem lay in the homelessness of the Jewish people.

The Jews believed that Jews and Arabs could find a meeting ground beneficial to both, but only on the basis of the Mandate implemented in spirit and letter, scale of Jewish immigration in accordance with economic absorptive capacity, the principle of an active policy of development and effective safeguards against a minority status.

The Jews did not want to dominate the Arabs but would not allow themselves to be dominated by the Arabs.

Referring to the well-intentioned projects for founding a Jewish territorial home elsewhere than Palestine, the statement declared that a long period of experiment must precede such a settlement.

NOT CAPABLE OF REALISATION

Arab claims that Palestine was an Arab country were not capable of realisation. The Jews already formed one third of the population and were responsible for two-thirds of economic and cultural activity in Palestine.

Of every age groups of Jews had worked their way to Palestine, and for the last 60 years active re-settlement work had been going on.

The Jewish statement added that they could not conceive that after 20 years the British Government should be seeking an interpretation of the Mandate which might curtail fundamental Jewish rights.

NOT AN APPENDIX

It was essential that there should be a place in the world where Jews were not a fraction and not an appendix to something else but where they themselves were masters of their own destiny.

Palestine had prospered by 60 years of pioneer work. It had agriculture and industry and was formally rooted in Jewish society.

Palestine was now capable of absorbing hundreds of thousands of refugees, and if Palestine was not capable of taking all, that was hardly reason for refusing to allow it to take as many as it could.

The statement emphasised the Jewish desire to bring about good understanding between Jews and Arabs. If Palestine was a Holy Place for the Arabs it was also for the Jews, but it had never been a national centre for the Arabs as was Damascus.

TALKS GO ON

Meanwhile the Palestine talks continued yesterday morning, when the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, and the Under-

Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, met the Arab delegations.

The session was devoted mainly to a statement by Nuri Pasha, which it is understood dealt forcefully with the effect on surrounding states of the troubles in Palestine.

It is asserted by well-informed quarters that Nuri Pasha took a leading part in the efforts made last week to bridge the differences between the two sections of the Palestine Arabs.

Ragheb Bey Nashashibi had sufficiently recovered from his indisposition yesterday to take his place with the Palestine delegation. — Reuter.

LENGTHY ARAB STATEMENT

The morning session (says British Wireless) was devoted to continuation of discussion of the Arab case between the Arab delegates and the British representatives, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Mr. R. A. Butler and the Marquess of Dufferin and Ava.

Nuri Pasha made a lengthy statement on the McMahon Correspondence. To-day Prince Emir Feisal and Prince Seif Al Islam Hussein will make further statements, and this will be followed by a statement by Mr. Butler on behalf of the British Government.

The afternoon meeting with the Jewish delegation was occupied with discussion on Dr. Weizman's statement on behalf of the Jewish Agency. Rabbi S. Wise, Mr. M. Shertok and Dr. Weizmann took part. Further meeting will take place to-day.

CHINESE CONDOLENCE TO VATICAN

Chungking, To-day.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed the Chinese Embassy in Italy to express condolence to the Vatican on the death of Pope Pius XI on behalf of the National Government. — Central News.

GRYNSZPAN FOUND SANE

Paris, To-day.
Grynszpan, the Polish Jew who murdered the Secretary of the German Embassy, Herr vom Rath, has been found by doctors to be responsible for his actions. He will be tried by the Paris Assize Court, probably in May. — Reuter.

JAP.-ITALIAN CONTACT

Rome, To-day.

The Japanese Ambassador in Rome, Mr. Shiratori, called on Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, yesterday afternoon.

The conversation lasted 30 minutes and is believed to have dealt with the occupation of the island of Hainan by the Japanese.

Lord Perth, the British Ambassador, also saw Count Ciano in the course of the afternoon. Although no official statement has been made regarding the topic of the conversation which lasted 20 minutes, it is believed to have concerned the Spanish question. — Trans-Ocean.

SPEAKER REFUSES MOTION OF ADJOURNMENT

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Speaker refused to grant leave to Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) to move an adjournment of the House in order to call attention to the refusal of the Government "to give an assurance that so long as the existing legitimate Government in Spain continued, there would be no recognition of the insurgent authorities as a de facto or de jure government of the country." — Reuter.

MR. RUBLEE'S SUCCESSOR

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" understands that Sir Herbert Emerson, League of Nations Commissioner for Refugees, will succeed Mr. George Rublee, who resigned from his post as director of the inter-governmental refugee committee. — Reuter.

GUERRILLAS IN SUIYUAN

Wuyuan (Suiyuan), To-day.

Indicating the rampant Chinese guerilla activities in Suiyuan, traffic on the Kweisui-Paotow section of the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway has again been severed owing to damage to rails.

A Chinese mobile column attacked the Japanese near Paotow on Feb. 11, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. — Central News.

WHAT DO THEY WANT NOW?

Prague, To-day.

The Sudeten leaders in Czechoslovakia are dissatisfied with the treatment of the German minority especially in Bohemia and Moravia.

Dr. Ernst Kundt, the chairman of the National Socialist Club in Czechoslovakia, addressing a meeting of the German Deputies yesterday said it would be wrong to suppose that the Germans in Czechoslovakia are in a better position now than prior to October, 1938.

He strongly protested against "the way in which the Czechoslovak authorities were seeking to deprive the Germans of their full legal status." Although the Czech State did not grant relief to unemployed German workers everything was being done by a section of the Czech authorities to bring about the dismissal of Germans engaged in Czechoslovak industries. There was no mistaking the fact, Dr. Kundt insisted, that the main responsibility for this sort of action did not rest with subordinate authorities.

There was a growing tendency to regard Czechoslovakia as a National State belonging to the Czechs alone. The representatives of the German minority in Czechoslovakia, declared Dr. Kundt, was resolved on opposing all oppressive methods of this sort.

It was a matter, he said, that was not confined to the question of well-being of the German minority in Bohemia but directly affected future relations between Germany and the new Czechoslovak State. — Trans-Ocean.

HITLER IN HAMBURG

Hamburg, To-day.

Chancellor Hitler, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, Admiral Raeder, and the Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, as well as other personalities arrived here yesterday afternoon and will attend launching of the battleship "F" to-day.

Chancellor Hitler had an enthusiastic reception as he drove from the railway station to the Hotel Atlantic. — Trans-Ocean.

"AXIS" TRADE TALKS

Rome, To-day.

The German-Italian trade talks were concluded here yesterday. It is officially announced that the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano and the German Ambassador in Rome, von Mackensen, signed a number of agreements summing up the results of the conversations. The new agreements regulate German-Italian trade for 1939. — Trans-Ocean.

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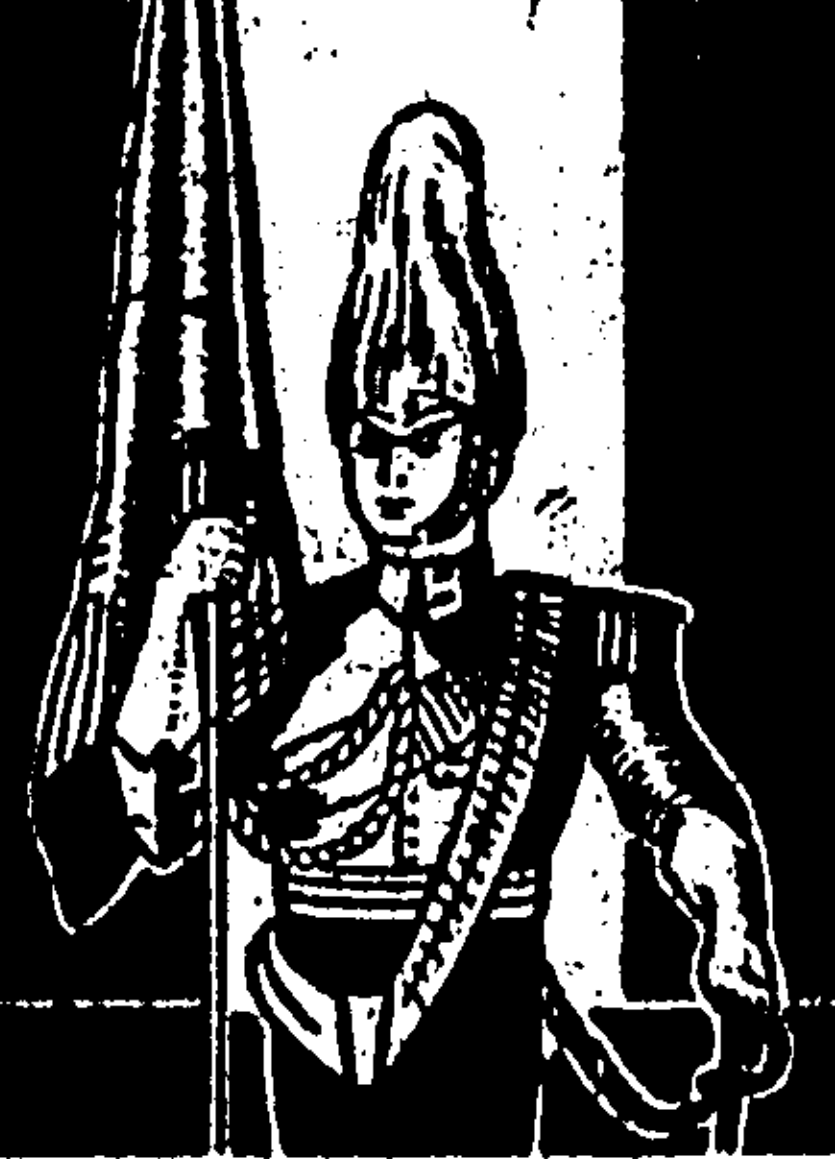
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DIVIDEDLY UNITED

Anyone who may expect to find in Great Britain that facade of unity which is erected in totalitarian states is looking for a vain thing. There is deep and intense feeling about the rights and the wrongs of the great issues which confront British statesmen, and which are being discussed with hardly decreasing anxiety as the Spanish situation develops.

The very life of democracy depends upon such critical feelings finding open expression in public life. There need, therefore, be no reproachful cries about "disunity" if Mr. Chamberlain's Government finds itself face to face with vehement opposition, provided that this opposition is not merely capitious. This is the way in which constitutional government works, not driving discontents underground but allowing them to appear on the surface, so that their constructively corrective influence may be felt, and the Government may be able to modify its policy if it finds itself drifting away from public sympathy.

Under the fierce but in the main wholesome fire of criticism, Mr. Chamberlain has been able to sense the current of public opinion, with the result that recently he has stiffened his attitude toward Germany, demanding that its rulers too should give a "sign" that they will co-operate in peace-making. He has also declared categorically that he will support France if Italy adopts other than diplomatic means in pressing its claims in the Mediterranean.

The Parliamentary opposition to Mr. Chamberlain is strangely assorted. In the attack upon his foreign policy we find the Labour Party allied with anti-Socialist Conservatives like Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, and the Duchess of Atholl, and with idealists like the Conservative Mr. Anthony Eden, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberals. Detestation of Fascism, as such, animates the Labour Party. The maintenance of the strength and prestige of the British Empire especially moves Mr. Churchill and his Conservative group. Belief in the ideal of collective security and in the capacity of Britain to guide the disinterested nations and help the weaker, inspires Mr. Eden and the Liberals.

These groups are united in a desire to "call the bluff" of the dictator countries, instead of seeking to negotiate with them as Mr. Chamberlain has done. They all claim to be as much in favour of peace as is the Prime Minister. They attack his policy because they differ from him as to the best means of promoting peace.

In all this there is no party dog-fight. Indeed, the differences cut right across party politics. Moreover, groups which agree on certain questions are found disagreeing on others; against the Government on one point, this or that group is with it on another. Thus Mr. Churchill favours conscription, and strongly insists that the new National Register should be compulsory. The Labour Party is with the Government in disliking compulsion.

In one important respect there is no disunity. All, in the Government and outside it, urge the strenuous organization of all the resources of the country for defence. The disagreement is solely concerned with the methods to be employed. Unwelcome as is the terrific financial strain of arming on the present scale, there is unanimous feeling that Britain must bend all its energies to the task of being strong.

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A Juggler's Lot

Poland has stepped onto the international stage as one of Europe's busiest jugglers—with three big balls. Russia, Germany and now France, in the air. The geographical position of Poland has always required of that country the most dexterous handling of balance-of-power matters, but since Munich the possibility of a clash between larger powers which lie on either side of Polish territory and the increasing pressure on Poland of some of their claims have kept Polish statesmen more than occupied.

The Third Reich's reported schemes in the Ukraine could mature only at a big cost to Poland, where live millions of dissatisfied Ukrainians who presumably would welcome support from Germany for an independent Ukrainian state. Poland also is involved in plans which have long been under consideration among smaller European states to form a bloc to bar German expansion. On the other hand Poland long ago saw a need to conciliate its powerful neighbour, Germany, and entered into a non-aggression pact which spelled the first break in the "ring" which French diplomacy had constructed around the Reich.

In recent weeks Poland has been mending diplomatic fences on all sides. After taking the opportunities which the Munich agreement offered to annex Polish sections of Czechoslovakia, thus seeming to place itself in the German camp, Poland immediately turned away to strengthen its relations with Germany's chief antipathy, Soviet Russia. Then von Ribbentrop went to Warsaw to talk with Colonel Josef Beck over the European situation. Now the Polish press, commenting on that visit, discusses the possibility of improving relations between Poland and France.

This expenditure of diplomatic energy for results that never can be quite certain is the price Poland pays for a geographical position which only a successful system of collective security could make quite comfortable.

FIGHTING CONTINUING ON HAINAN ISLAND

JAPS. ATTACKED BY IRREGULARS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kwongchowwan, To-day.

About three hundred Japanese troops who are converging on Ting An, about 20 miles south of Kiungchow, capital of Hainan Island, were attacked yesterday afternoon by a mixed force of Chinese regulars and guerillas.

The Japanese, it is stated, suffered over 100 casualties.

Japanese troops have been sent from Hoihow to reinforce the troops operating south of Kiungchow.

Fighting between the Chinese and Japanese is continuing between Kiungchow and Ting An, state latest reports received this morning.

Rifle firing, add the reports, was audible on the outskirts of Hoihow and Kiungchow yesterday afternoon and last night indicating that there are still some Chinese soldiers in close proximity to the two cities.

CUSTOMS TAKEN OVER

It is confirmed here that the Chinese Maritime Customs offices were taken over by the Japanese military authorities yesterday.

Hoihow is being policed by Japanese soldiers, formation of the Peace Preservation Committee having failed.

No refugees have returned to the city after the occupation. In fact, many are still pouring out of the city at night. — Our Own Correspondent.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

Shiukwan, To-day.

Brisk fighting continues to rage on Hainan Island.

According to a message from the Island, the Japanese who landed at Tachang, 13 miles west of Hoihow, have passed through Laocheng and Tsingmai, 30 miles southwest of Hoihow, and are driving southward. They are being challenged by Chinese self-defence corps.

The Japanese are making full use of their air force to bomb the towns and villages on the island. Loss of civilian lives and property is believed heavy. Some of the villages have been levelled to the ground.

Most of the civilians are trapped on the island by the Japanese and

NO REPLY FROM JAPAN

London, To-day.

No reply has yet been received to the British Note of Jan. 14 to the Japanese Government that they are not prepared to accept or recognise changes brought about by force.

This statement was made at question time in the House of Commons yesterday by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler.—Reuter.

den invasion. Large numbers of them have fled to the hills.—Central News.

LUICHOW RAIDS

Kwongchowwan, To-day.

The north coast of the Luichow Peninsula directly opposite Hainan Island was severely bombed late yesterday afternoon by Japanese aircraft.

According to Chinese messages from Hainan, the outskirts of Haihan and Tsuimun were bombed and several buildings set ablaze, but no loss of life was suffered.

The north-east coast of Hainan Island was again heavily bombed yesterday.

Junks and other seagoing craft were destroyed and many junkfolk killed and wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

PASSENGERS INCINERATED IN GHASTLY RAIL CRASH

MANAGUA, TO-DAY.

TWELVE WERE KILLED AND 20 INJURED IN THE WORST RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN NICARAGUA'S HISTORY WHEN A PASSENGER TRAIN RAN INTO AN ENGINE AT LEON STATION YESTERDAY.

The tank of the engine, containing Diesel oil, immediately burst into flames. Both drivers and several of the injured were incinerated in the flames which prevented rescue work.

The passengers were sightseers returning from a new extension of the railway, where President Somoza laid the first rail on Sunday.

The presidential train passed Leon station only half an hour before the accident.—Reuter.

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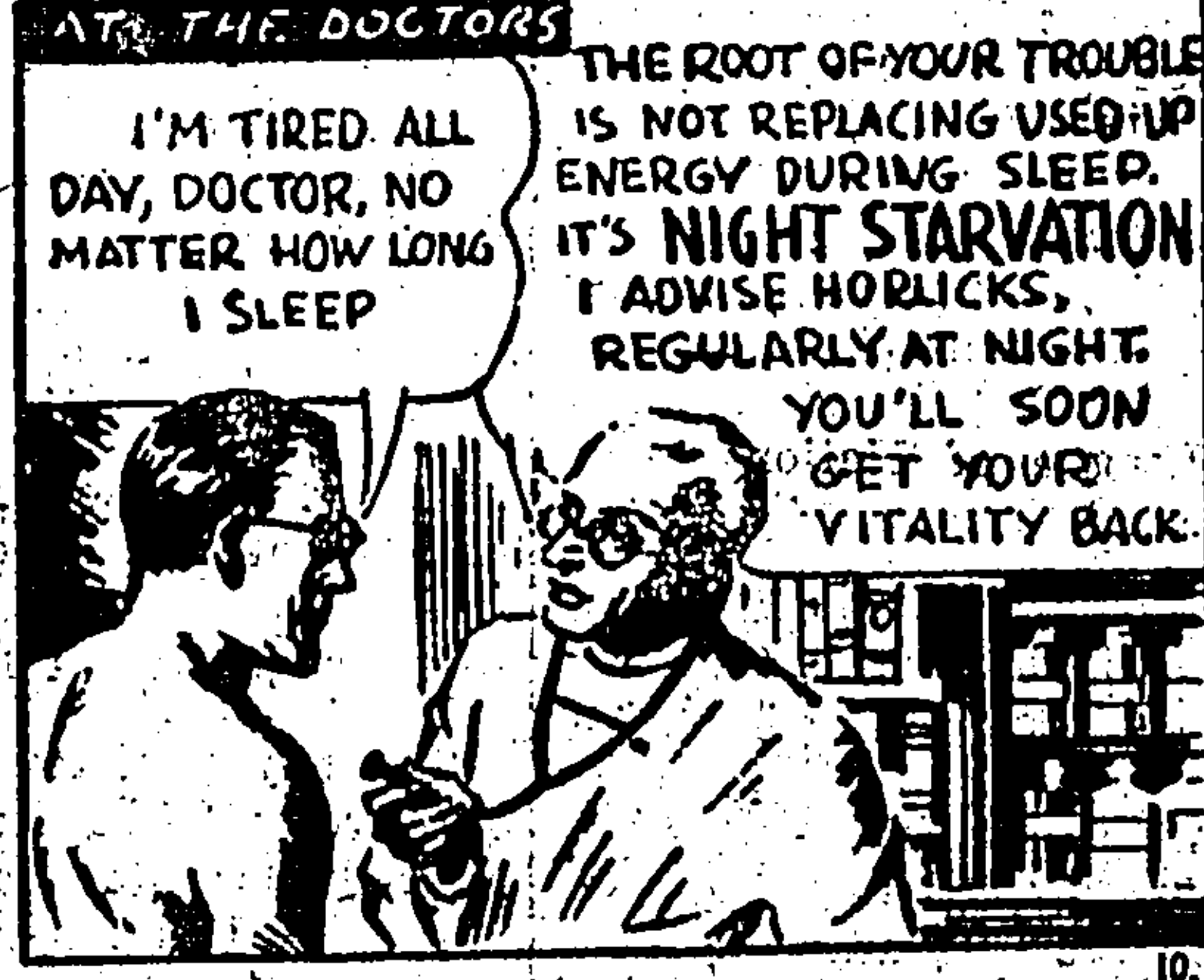
Zurich, To-day.

The European Ice Hockey Championship deciding match between Czecho-Slovakia and Switzerland will be replayed on March 5 owing to the number of injuries sustained by both sides.—Reuter.

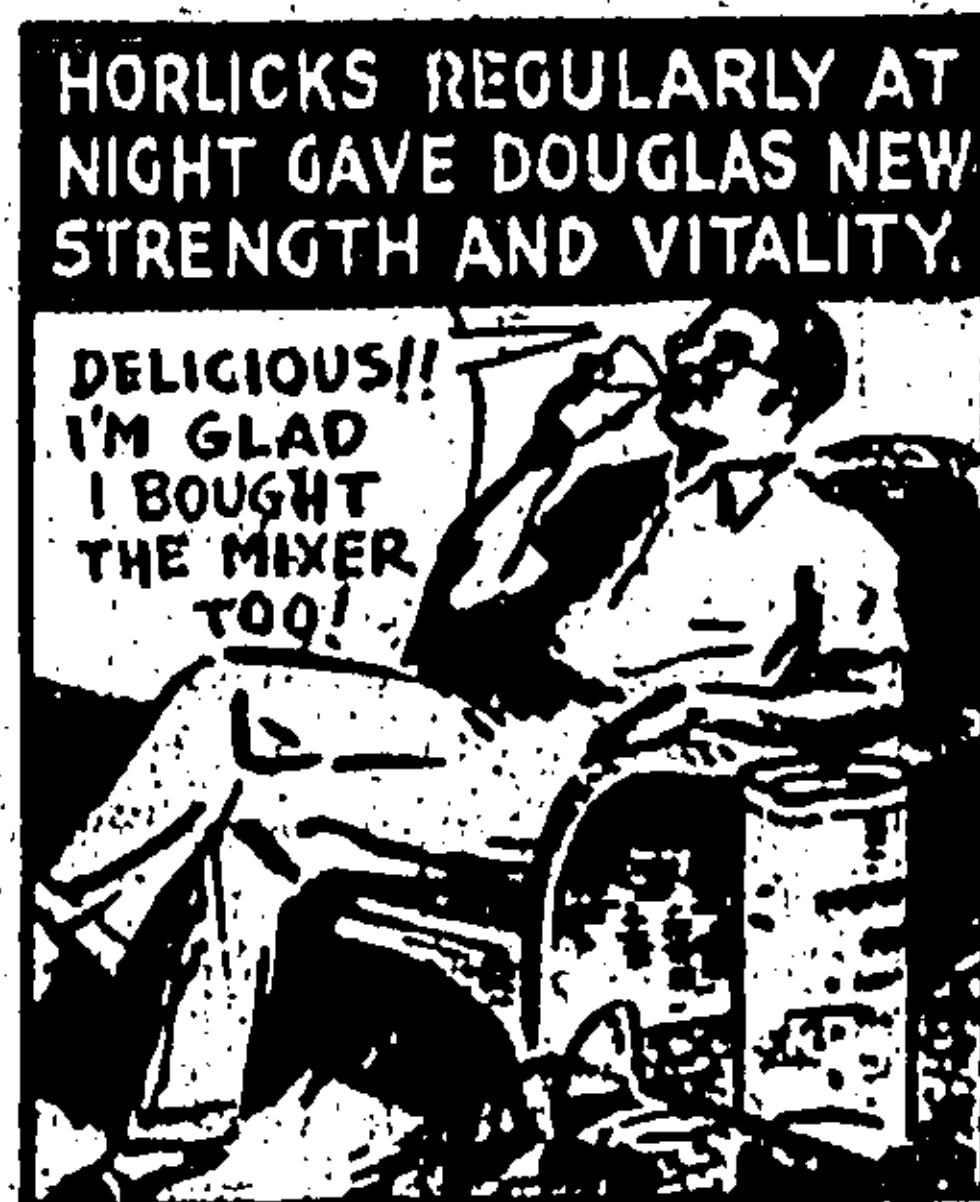
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SPECIAL TRAINS FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE

Vatican City, To-day.

Special trains conveying pilgrims from all parts of Italy as well as from foreign countries are arriving continuously in Rome and St. Peter's is crowded day and night with worshippers.

Over half a million persons were estimated to have filed past the body of the dead Pope by noon yesterday, the crowds being particularly dense in the morning.

It has been necessary to reinforce the Italian troops who keep order on Piazza San Pietro and elsewhere in Vatican City.

LITVINOFF RUMOURS AGAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE SOVIET COMMISSAR, MAXIM LITVINOFF, WILL SOON RESIGN HIS POST AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE SOVIET IS RAISED BY THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" WHICH ASSERTS THAT M. LITVINOFF WILL AT LEAST BE FORCED TO GIVE UP THE POST AS FOREIGN COMMISSAR IN MARCH.

Rumours concerning M. Litvinoff's resignation have been previously in circulation, but the paper, rejecting the opinions of British political circles, states that M. Litvinoff's resignation is regarded as certain this time following his complete failure in the attempt to turn the League of Nations into an Anti-fascist front.

It is assumed that the first step towards his liquidation will become evident when his name fails to appear on the list of candidates for the Communist Central Committee which is due for submittal to the Party Congress commencing on March 10.

It is believed in British political circles that the reason for M. Litvinoff's disappearance will be veiled in an excuse giving his "advanced age" as a plausible explanation.

As likely successor, M. Bulganin, the present President of the Soviet Federal Republic, is mentioned by the "Daily Telegraph."—Trans-Ocean.

CZECH VICTORY AT POLLS

Prague, To-day.

The Czecho-Slovak Government has obtained over 92 per cent. of votes cast in the Carpathian-Ukraine elections.

About 93 per cent. of the electorate went to the polls.—Reuter.

A second requiem mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated yesterday at the Altar of Confession.

The body of the Pope will be placed in a coffin at this Altar of Confession.

The body of the Pope will be placed in its coffin at this Altar instead of at the Altar of the choir as had been the case on similar occasions in the past.

The necessary work in the crypt of Basilica, in view of the burial of Pius XI there, has commenced.

CARDINALS MEET

The college of Cardinals held its third meeting since the Pope's death yesterday when the seals of the late sovereign Pontiff, which were used for all official business of the Pope during his reign, were broken conformably with tradition.

The Sacred College also received a visit from Prince Chigi Albani Della Rovere, who was the bearer of a message of condolence from the Sovereign Order of Malta.

The Prince, in his address, emphasised the sorrow felt by the knights of the order at the passing of Pius XI who had given them so many proofs of his benevolence.

The doyen of the Sacred College of Cardinal, Granito di Belmonte, replied that the cardinals greatly appreciated the sympathy of the order.

SPECIAL COINS

The commission of cardinals, for preparing the conclave, likewise held a meeting at which it was decided to instruct the papal engraver, Professor Mistruzzi to design a special coin to be issued when the conclave opens.

This is the first time since the death of Pius IX in 1878 that a coin will be struck on the occasion of a Pope's election.

At the elections of the four last popes, only commemorative medals were struck.

Engineer Rebecchino, of the Vatican technical services, has been appointed engineer of the conclave. Plans for erecting rooms for the 62 cardinals who will participate in it will be based on those drawn up at the last election in 1922.



Major Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith M.P. for Petersfield, is the new Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries in the new Cabinet. At the age of 40 he is the second youngest member in the Cabinet, and was twice President of the National Farmers' Union. Photo shows Major Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, taken at his home at Dockenfield Manor, Farnham, Surrey.

AGED JUDGE RETIRES

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Louis Brandeis, Associate Justice, has retired from the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Brandeis, who is 80, is assumed to have retired owing to his age, coupled with ill health.

Appointed on January 28, 1916, he was the first Jew to serve on the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Fifty-five persons were arrested here yesterday afternoon during a demonstration held at the Place de la Republique in commemoration of the victims of the political demonstration held in Paris five years ago. All except six of the arrested persons were later released again.

Further clashes occurred near Madeleine Church where the Nationalists gathered to demonstrate for the victims who fell during the political disturbances in Paris on February 6, 1934. The French Nationalist writer Maxime Real del Sarte, a member of the Action Francaise, sustained slight injuries.—Trans-Ocean.

SIGNIFICANT VISIT

Gibraltar, To-day.

General Sir Edmund Ironside, Governor of Gibraltar, arrived in French Morocco on an official visit yesterday.

PAN-AMERICAN APPLY FOR LICENCE

Washington, To-day.

Pan-American Airways, at present running a regular airline between South America and the Far East, applied yesterday for licence to open a regular air-service to Europe via the North Atlantic.

Pan-American Airways claim to be able to fly daily in Summer via Newfoundland to Ireland and in Winter via Azores to Mediterranean airports, stating that both England and France had already given the necessary permission.

The date of the opening of the new service has not yet been fixed.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALO-FRENCH PRESS WAR

Paris, To-day.

The French Government will lodge an official protest against the expulsion from Italy by the Italian Government of the French journalist Guillaume, the representative of the "Jour" and "Journal des Debats", according to reports current here.

The French Government, unless this expulsion order is cancelled by the Italian Government, is credited with the intention to expel, in retaliation, the Italian journalist Gini, the Paris representative of the "Gazetta del Popolo" and the director of the "Italian Nuova."—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



TRINITY. — As one, three of the sea-lions at Dudley Zoo respond with a flurry of rush through the water as they hear the splash of a fish being dropped to them. And as it happened to be just one small fish, there was a rare old scrimmage before one of them was able to swallow the tasty morsel.

HIS CARD FROM A KING

A card wrapped carefully in transparent material to preserve it is one of the most treasured possessions of Henry Fuller, unemployed clerk, of Elthorne-road, Kingsbury.

It bears the words: "Heartfelt thanks for kind sympathy in my great sorrow." Beneath is the signature of King Haakon of Norway, and it was sent from Oslo.

"The card came in reply to a letter of sympathy on the death of the Queen of Norway. It was a wonderful surprise," says Mr. Fuller.

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BLIND, DOES HER OWN HOUSEKEEPING

For years, Mrs. Peters, of Middle-road, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, blind wife of a railway worker, has been doing her housekeeping alone.

She allows no one to help her as she washes, irons and mends her husband's clothes, goes out shopping, and cooks.

And once a year she makes jam and sends a large quantity of it to the hospital which tried to save her sight.

FREE BRIDES FOR PIONEERS

Wives are to be supplied, free of cost, to thousands of Japanese pioneers sent to the Manchurian frontier regions to establish farms and serve as potential soldiers to stem Russian invasion.

Announcement is made of a plan to establish thirty-five "schools for brides" throughout Japan.

DOG IS MOTHER TO KITTENS

Two stray kittens found by Mrs. Cunliffe, of Ford-lane, Rainham, Essex, are being "mothered" by Judy, a year-old Irish terrier bitch.

Although Judy has not had puppies of her own, she feeds the kittens and gives them their daily wash.

One of the kittens was given to a neighbour, but Judy wasn't going to have her baby stolen. Every morning she goes next door to feed and wash it.

£100 NECKLACE IN 2D. SURPRISE PACKET

Somewhere in Surrey a little girl is wearing a pearl necklace worth £100. But she does not know because the necklace, which cost her 2d. was included by mistake in a sale of surprise packets. Tongham (Surrey) Girl Guides organised a bazaar so that they could give the village children a tea party. The principal attraction was a Christmas tree bearing 150 packets.

To everyone who paid 1d. or 2d. Father Christmas handed a present.

Six of the packets contained pearl necklaces. Five were cheap imitations. The sixth was worth £100. The necklaces were given to the Girl Guides for their bazaar by Mrs. D. G. Davies-Scourfield, of Tongham Manor, Farnham.

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"PLEASE RETURN" NOTICES

They had been lying in an open box on her dressing-table.

Absent-mindedly she took off a valuable necklace and put it in the box instead of on the table.

Then the box was sent to Guide Captain, Mrs. G. M. Birch, who was responsible for wrapping the presents.

As soon as Mrs. Davies-Scourfield, who has since left for Switzerland, discovered her loss she telephoned Mrs. Birch who posted notices in the village asking everyone who bought a twopenny pearl necklace to return it for inspection.

A villager who had seen the appeal in the local post office called on Mrs. Birch yesterday and showed her the pearl necklace that she had bought at the bazaar.

But it was not the missing £100 string.

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THE LEGAL POSITION

There is no clue to the identity of the other five purchasers.

Mrs. Davies-Scourfield is still the rightful owner of the missing pearls.

"It is not a case of selling an article cheaply, knowing its true value," a legal expert explains.

"It was purely accidental, and if the purchaser refuses to return the necklace, Mrs. Davies-Scourfield will be quite entitled to sue for recovery.

LONDON'S FIRE DEFENCES

The A.R.P. Committee of the L.C.C. propose to take a further step in the organisation of London's fire defences by the installation of 200 special hydrants at an estimated cost of £45,000.

LUCKY SEVENS

An elderly woman wandering outside Modern underground station, Surrey, yesterday, was asked by a policeman if anything was wrong.

She replied by repeating "31, 32, 33"—would say nothing else.

Taken to hospital, she was found from letters in her possession to be Mrs. H. Masters, seventy, of Whitland-road, Carshalton, Surrey.

When asked questions she repeated again and again—"31, 32, 33."

Then someone had a brainwave, started counting from one to a hundred.

Mrs. Masters recognised seventy-seven as the number of her house.

Then she remembered other things.

Last night she was steadily improving.



MONGREL'S LESSON TO THE UNTIDY.—Park Keeper H. M. Jones of Kensington Gardens has trained his mongrel dog "Punch" to accompany him on his rounds and retrieve all litter carelessly thrown down by the public. "Punch" is now an expert at the job and makes a useful assistant. Photo shows "Punch" placing a piece of paper in the litter basket after retrieving it from the grass.

SHE RATTLED OFF

THE TUNES

Mr. C. Jones, of George-street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, bought an American organ at an auction. When her daughter played the organ it rattled so much that a man was sent to overhaul it. Inside he found nearly forty half-crowns.

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A heron found dead on the Forty Foot River bank at Dodington, near March, Cambridgeshire, had been choked to death by a rat which was too big for it to swallow. The tail of the rat was still sticking out of its beak.

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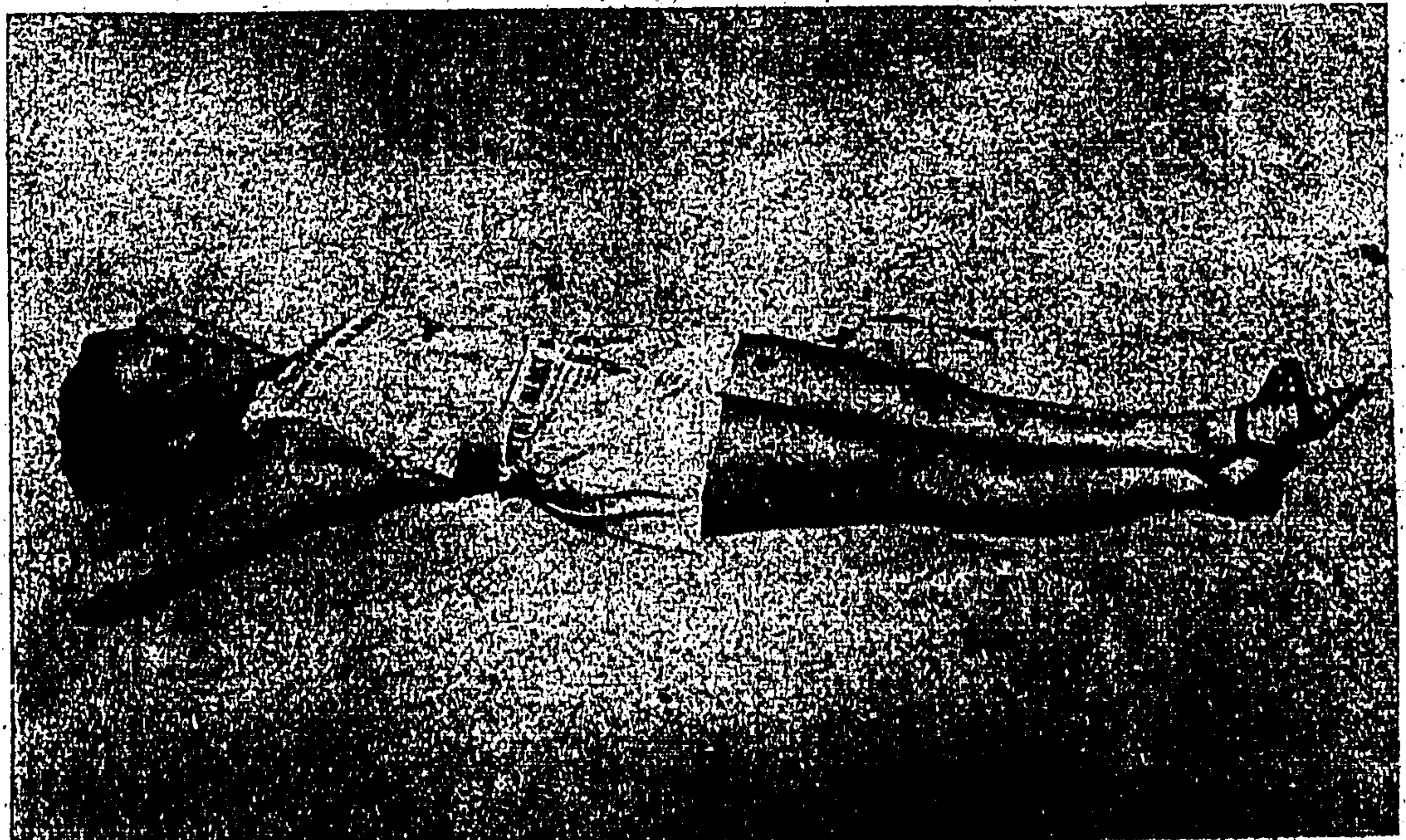
Saffron Walden (Essex) police are to have a recreation room of their own. At present they play billiards, darts and other games in hired rooms.

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So good was the work of Colchester Boy Scouts in the crisis of last September that it has been officially recognised by the Boy Scouts' Headquarters as the best done by any Scouts in the country.

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A pet goldfinch owned by Mrs. Wilkinson, of Kingsbury, London, N.W., has just celebrated its seventeenth birthday and still sings perfectly.



SHE'S IN THE NEWS.—There's something positively newsworthy about this unique bathing suit seen on the beach at Miami, Florida. The headlines provide a contrast to the sunny weather being enjoyed there.



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HITLER'S BID FOR

Believed To Be Getting Ready To Move Again

Her Hitler's bid to insure the willing co-operation of Poland in his expansionist programme tends to confirm that he is getting ready to move again in Eastern Europe.

His biggest project for the immediate future is generally believed to involve the golden Ukraine from Russia. For this he needs Poland's aid.

Poland is the logical gateway to the Ukraine, since Germany is cut off from Russia by Polish and Rumanian territory.

Poland has a crack army and a wealth of foodstuffs which would make her an invaluable ally.

Poland furthermore has within her borders many Ukrainians who might wish to join their Russian brothers in any new state. That would mean a sacrifice of present territory by Warsaw.

The Nazi chieftain works along the lines of least resistance. Poland is too strong and too independent to be dictated to successfully in such a project.

likely would be asked to permit Germany to take over once more the free-port of Danzig and Pomorze—the Polish corridor.

PREPARED TO BARGAIN

Observers believe Hitler is prepared to promise Poland recon- cense in the shape of new terri- tories which may be the fruits of any military alliance. There is also the pertinent fact that War- saw cannot afford to have the enmity of Germany.

As a matter of fact such alliance isn't as far fetched as might seem at first glance. In Warsaw just after Hitler annexed Czecho-Slovakia a considerable group of younger army officers was advocat- ing a Polish-German military alli- ance for the purpose of attacking Russia. This scheme was being sup- ported by a group of younger poli- ticians.

Of course, those groups weren't speaking for the government. But it was extremely interesting to note that such talk was permitted to go the rounds.

There isn't a tremendous amount of love lost between the Poles and the Germans. However, with Hitler the grand mogul of Eastern Europe, the Polish-German hook-up would seem logical.

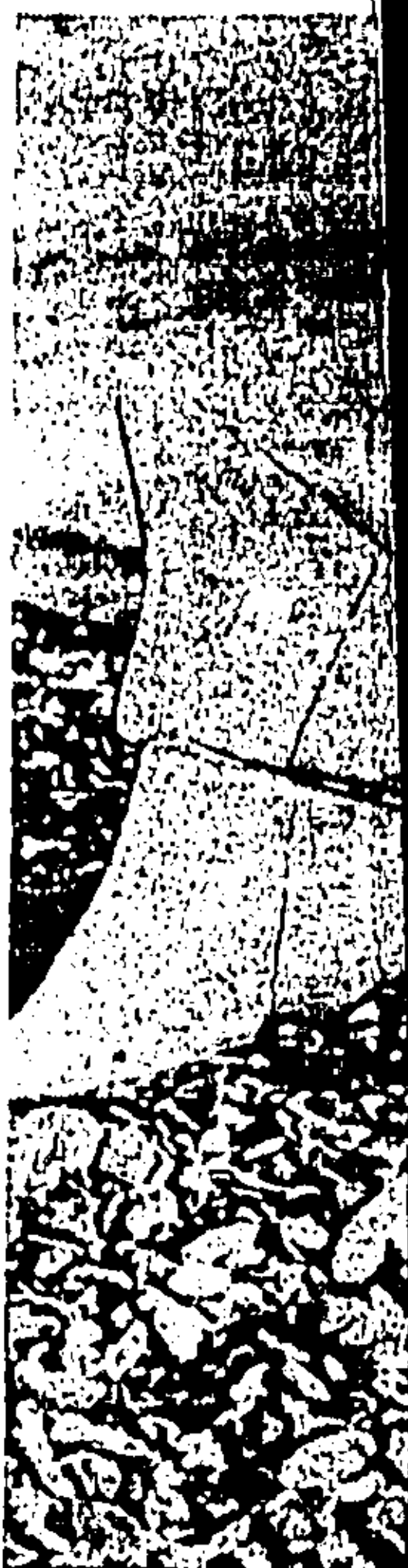
Hitler's smashing of Czecho-Slovakia wiped out French influence in Eastern Europe, virtually finished the French fostered little entente—

POLAND TO HAVE REWARD

So, bearing in mind that you can lead a horse to water but you can- not make him drink, Hitler appears to be trying to make his neighbour a partner in his programme. Po- land would have her reward.

That may be the meaning of the conference the other day between Hitler and Colonel Joseph Beck, Po- land's fighting foreign minister, at the Fuehrer's Berchtesgaden retreat in the Alps—and the meaning of the parley in Warsaw between the colonel and Hitler's famous ne- gotiator, Reich Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop.

Hitler would have to concede plenty if he is to make a willing ally out of Poland under the exceptional circumstances existing. Warsaw presumably must be prepared to give up a considerable slice of south- eastern Poland to the projected Ukrainina state. She also very



Czecho-Slovakia, Ro- goslavia—and made most that he surve powerful enough to her neighbours.

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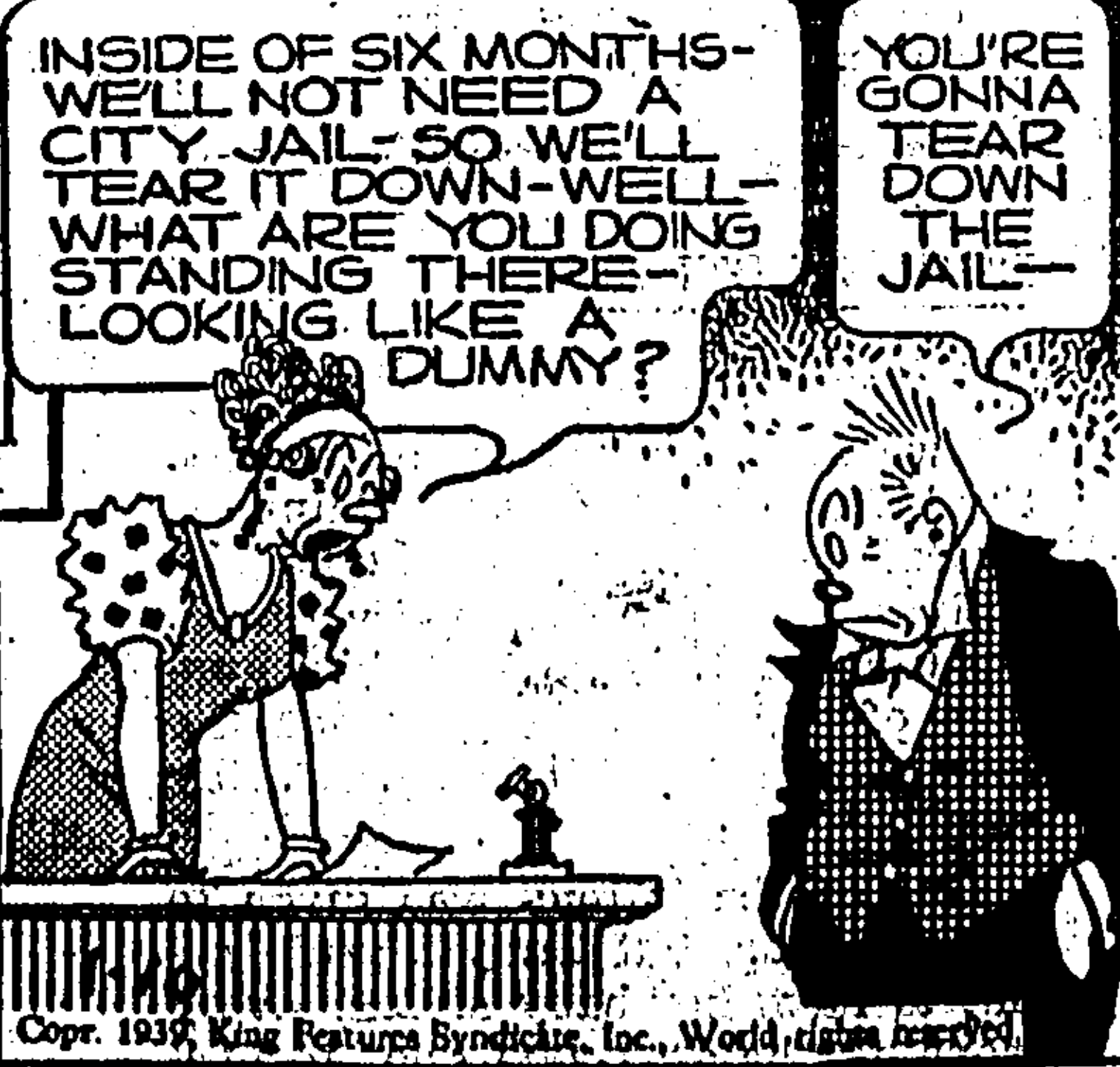
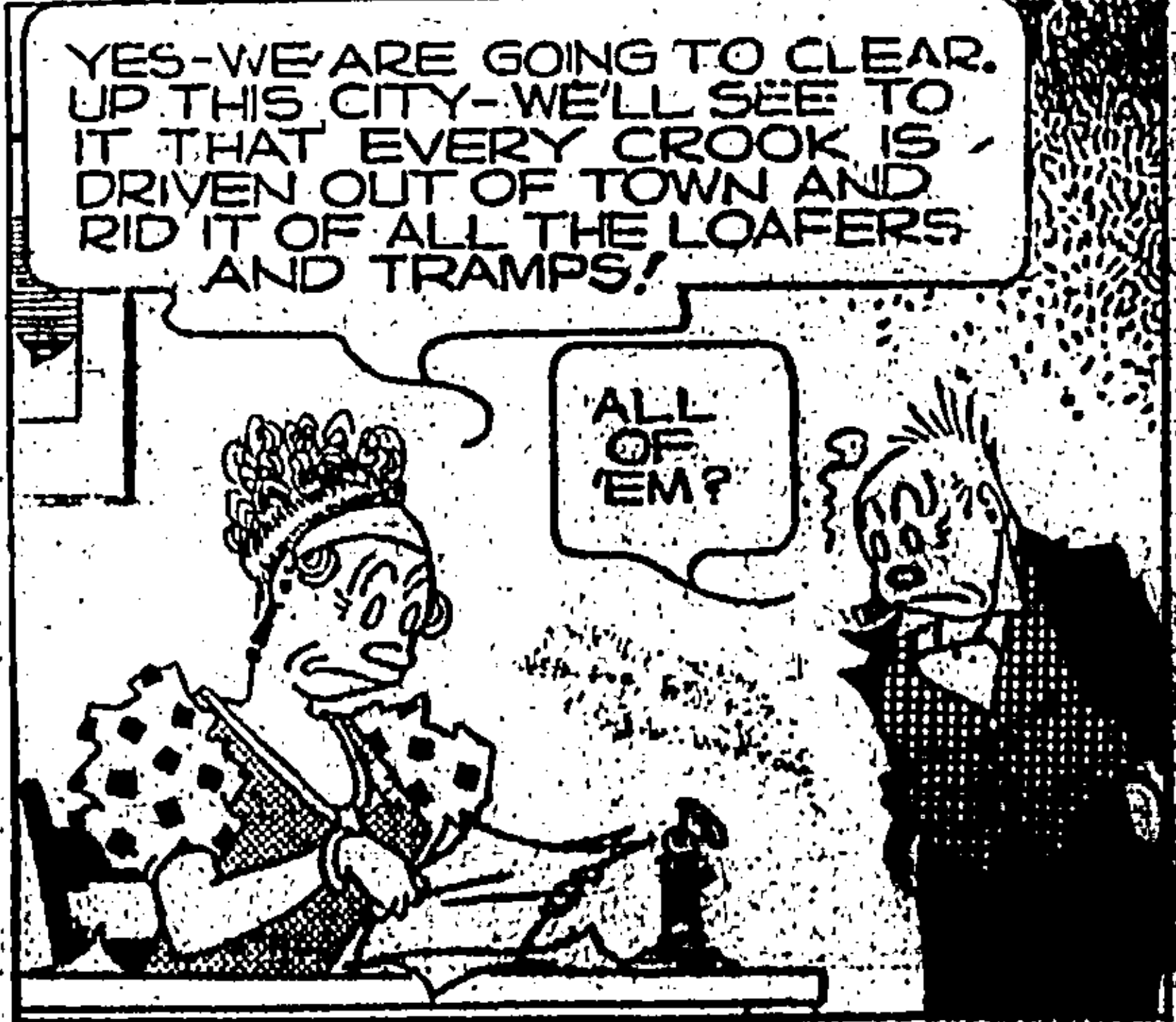
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OR POLISH AID



A MODERN MERMAID.—Swimming fins to help holiday bathers on their way are the latest novelty on the Riviera. This picture, taken at Nice, shows the fins which are worn just like shoes—A modern mermaid, complete with her fins, is lazing on the beach near Nice.

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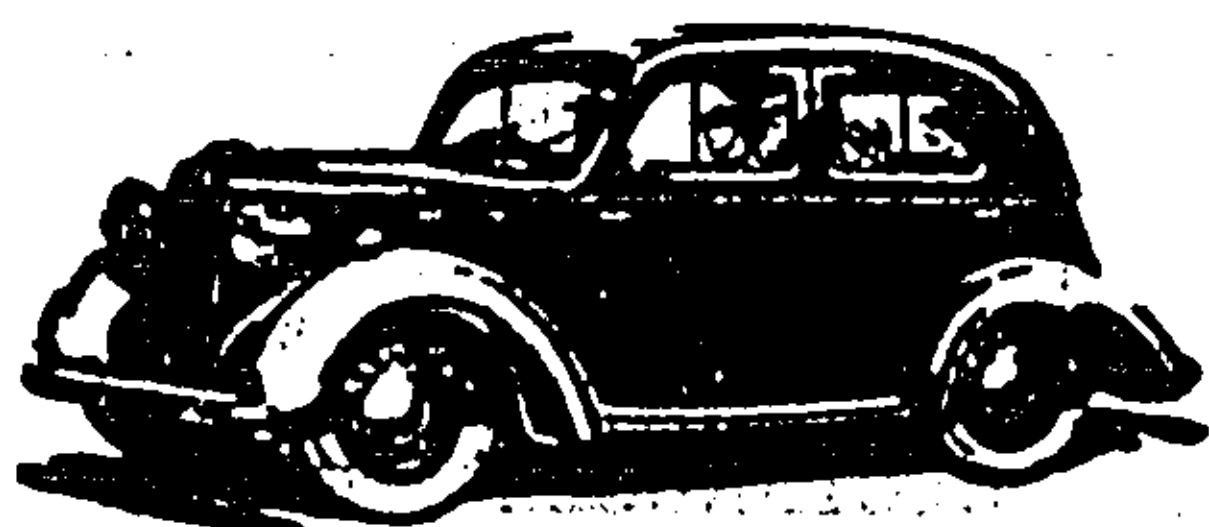
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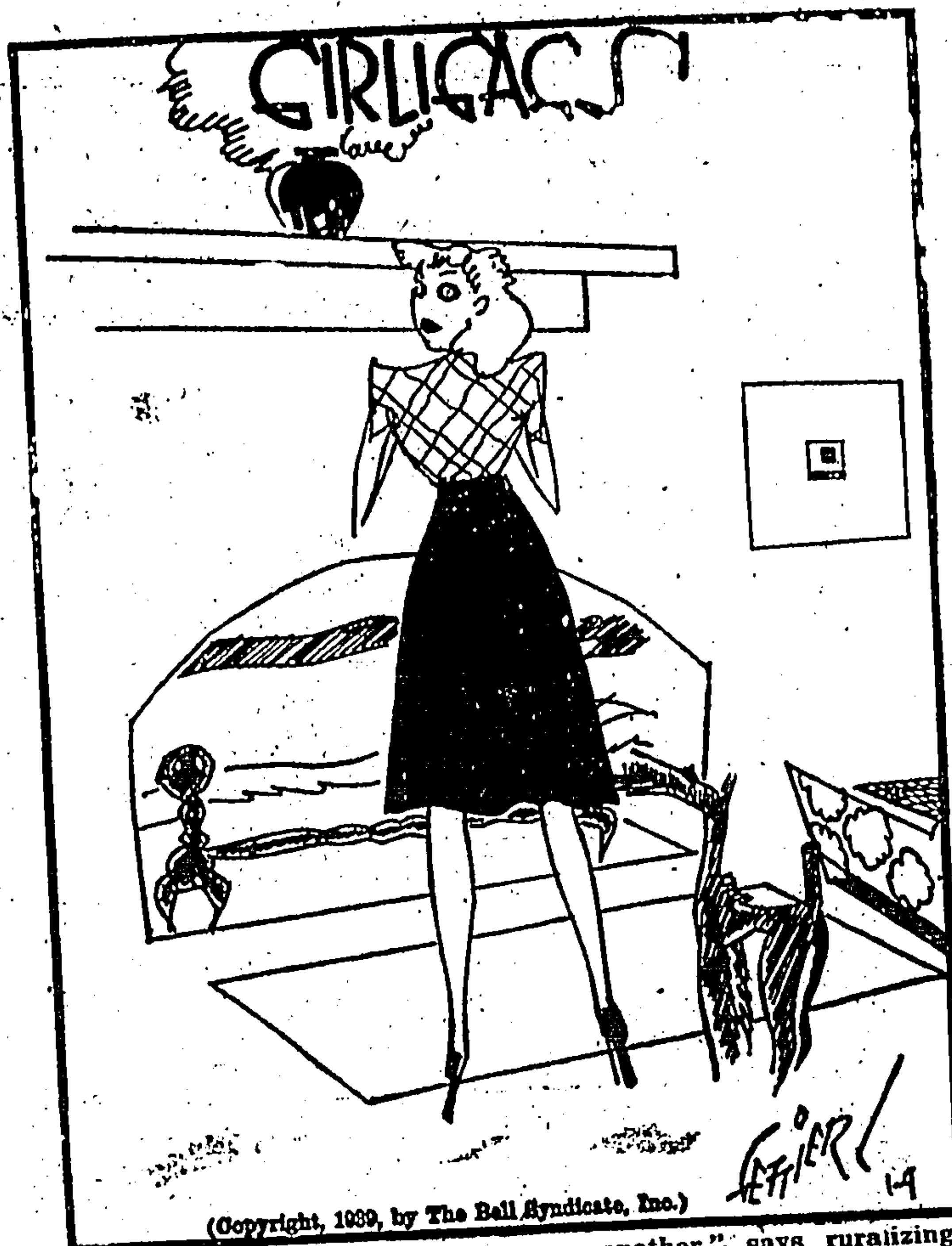
And of course a button-front dress is the easiest kind to get into on busy mornings. Make it of percale, calico, gingham or any such tubfast cotton, and edge the v-neck, pointed closing and convenient pocket with bright ricrac.



WITTY Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl friend thinks when her beau says to "skip it" he means she should "jump rope."



"If it ain't one thing it's always another," says ruralizing Rita, "now the Country is suffering from the jitterbug blight."

Period Furniture

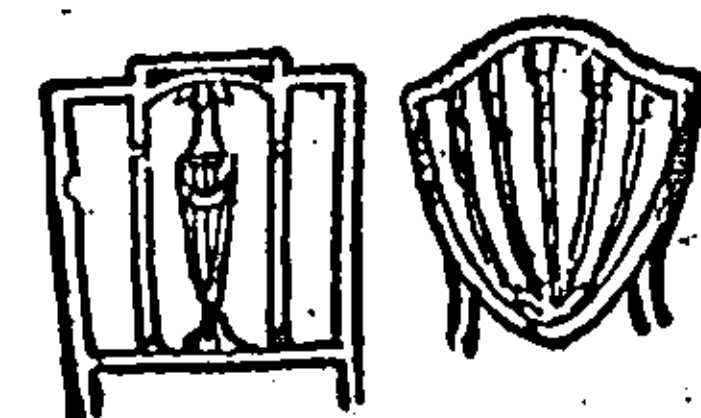
By Elizabeth MacRae Boykin

It's pretty easy to confuse Sheraton and Hepplewhite furniture. They are first cousins, so to speak, as both cabinet makers worked at the same time in London. It was natural that both should fall under the same influences of taste, styles, woods available. But as you learn more about them, their separate personalities emerge and soon you'll learn to sense the differences at a glance. In studying them, it's a good idea to take up chairs first because they are so typical.

DAINTIER

Generally speaking, Hepplewhite chairs are more dainty, more curving, more feminine in line than those of Sheraton. The shield back is the most familiar characteristic of Hepplewhite's chairs and the line of the top of the chair is unbroken. (When Sheraton used the shield back, he broke the line across the top). The Hepplewhite chair back almost never reaches the seat but is supported by the back posts (like a picture on an easel). The Prince of Wales' feathers are a most familiar motif for Hepplewhite chair backs, but wheat, ferns and flowers were also favourite details. Legs are invariably slender and usually straight with spade feet.

George Hepplewhite himself died two years before the book on furniture designs, signed by him, was published. But his shop was continued by Alice Hepplewhite, his widow. Just how much she had to do with the designs and whether her hand may have had something to do



Left, a typical Sheraton chair. Right, a typical Hepplewhite design.

with the delicacy and femininity of the furniture is a question. Actually, it is the book that inspires most of the contemporary reproductions of the style we call Hepplewhite.

RECTANGULAR CHAIR BACKS

As for Sheraton, he evolved a chair every bit as graceful as that of Hepplewhite, but of more sturdy construction. And so a chair of his design usually has the unbroken line from the floor to the top of the back, and the back itself has a cross rail to brace it firmly just above the seat. The rectangular back is his most usual form, and you will often find horizontal bars as the theme of the design—but Sheraton also used urns, lyres, a swag of drapery for his chair back designs. The legs are slender too and either round or square.

It's improbable that Sheraton actually ever made a piece of furniture. He called himself a mechanic, but he did a bit of preaching on the by writing, drawing and publishing side and eked out a meagre living books on furniture. It is these books that are the source for the designs of so much of the furniture we use to-day in our homes. For his influence on contemporary furniture designing is said to exceed that of any other man.

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by PATRICIA LINDSAY



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Beauty Is A Habit

Beauty, my dears, is a habit, not a heavenly gift.

We admit definitely that some women are born with more physical beauty than others, but how frequently have you noticed the least,

beautiful woman of your acquaintance draw rings around her more beautiful sisters as the years passed? The woman who could easily have become an ugly duckling made beauty her habit. The born-pretties rested on their laurels, and woke up years later to find that time had robbed them of the beauty they were so sure of!

MAKE A RESOLUTION

No matter what your circumstance in life, where you live or what duties you have, you can and should be an attractive woman. Little daily habits of good grooming, a few reliable aids for that grooming, and a fervent desire to be as lovely as you can, combine to make you a woman whom other women envy.

When you were young you were taught to wash your face and scrub your teeth at least once a day. Those simple duties soon became a habit and if you failed to wash your face or scrub your teeth you felt mighty uncomfortable, didn't you?

Well, beauty grooming can easily become a daily habit too, and you reap hours and days and years of satisfaction once you make it a habit.

PLAN A ROUTINE

Your daily beauty schedule should not consume too much time if you are a busy lady. A bath or shower each day if you live where water is easily accessible and plentiful, a skin cleansing and lubricating and



Two heads are not always better than one—but in this case the little girls put their heads together to share a brolly in the rain.

a quick going over your nails. Of course, hair needs daily attention, but if you think to brush it every morning, or every evening upon rising or retiring you will soon forget to look on it as an effort.

For your own personal enjoyment and relaxation, afford if you can, a weekly or fortnightly visit to a clean, smoothly managed beauty salon. There indulge in a good head massage, a facial if your skin requires one, a hair setting and a manicure. However, all this may be done at home if the salon visit is not within your means. And you can get just as much enjoyment if you set aside one morning or one afternoon each week to give yourself a thorough going over.

It is nice to realize, too, that every hour spent on grooming is an hour invested in personal charm and poise. To be satisfied with

one's appearance, and to know one is impeccably groomed as far as one's circumstances permits, is about the greatest boon to a woman's morale. The most difficult of problems can be more graciously and logically tackled if one is at her best!

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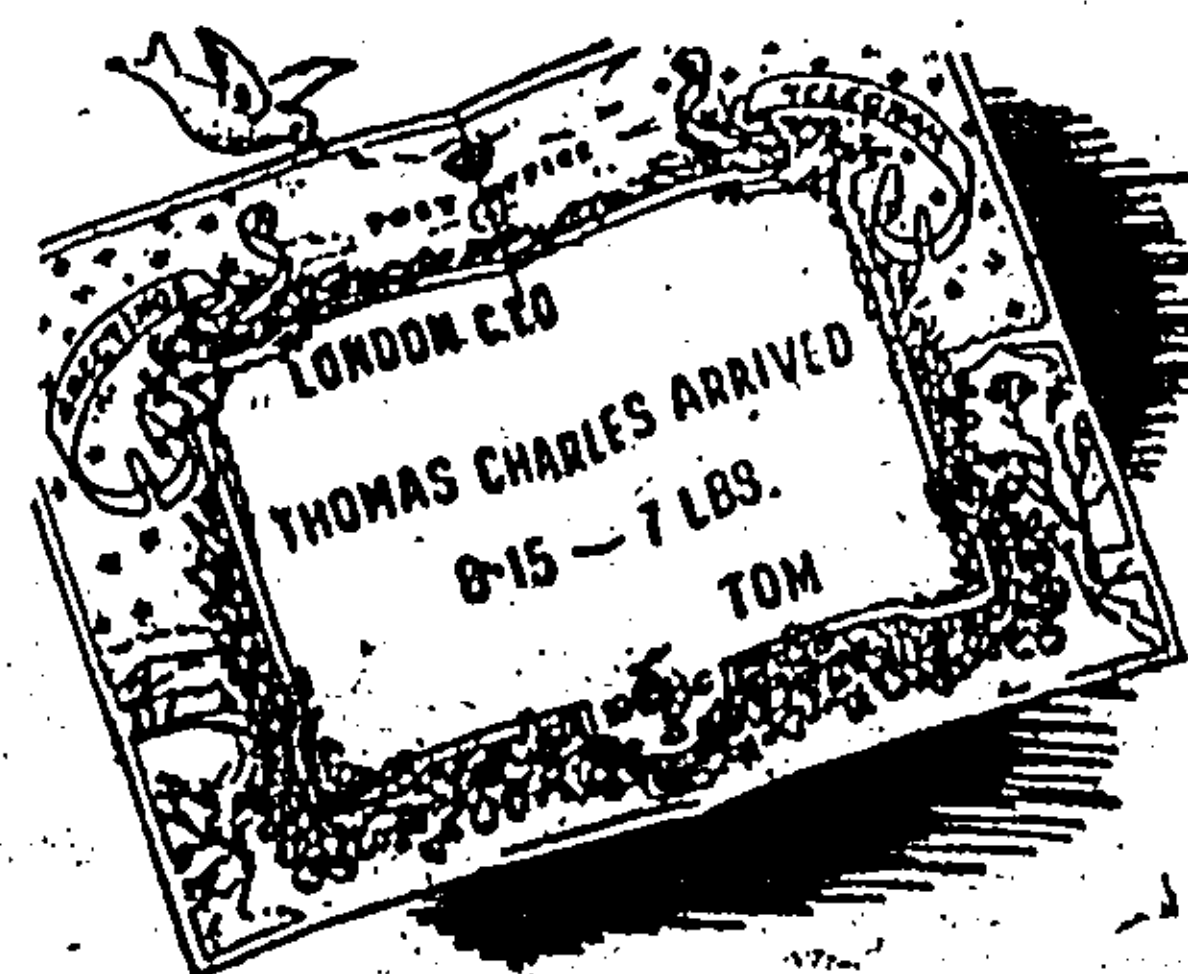
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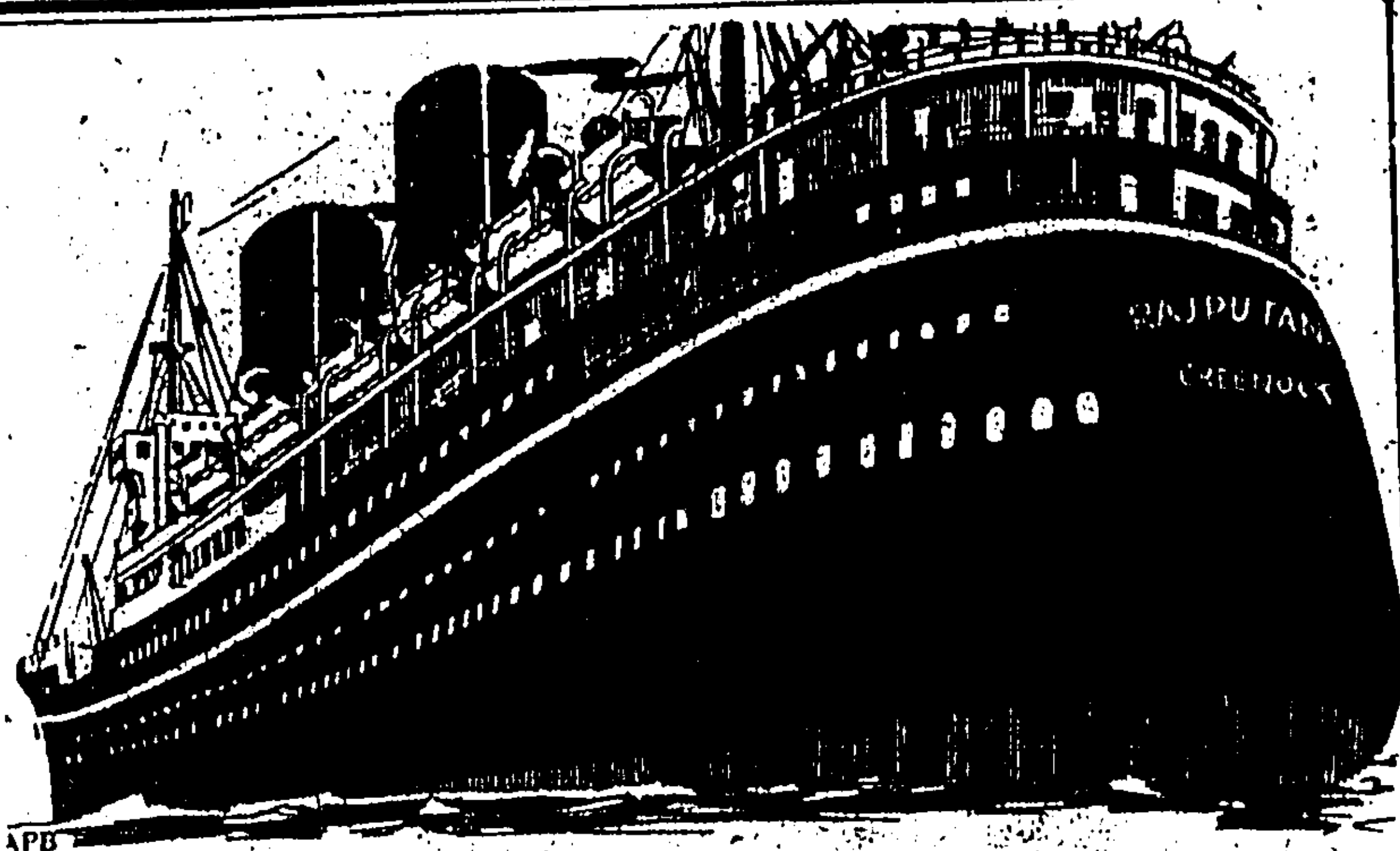
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Shanghai	Lima Maru	February 15.
Japan	Asama Maru	February 15.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kiungchow	February 15.
Straits	Oder	February 16.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	February 16.
Haiphong	Canton	February 16.
Shanghai	Athos II	February 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan — (San Francisco date, 21st Jan.)	Pres. Polk	February 16.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 17.
Straits	Burdwan	February 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranchi	February 17.
Australia and Manila	Atuta Maru	February 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 27th Jan.)	Press. Taft	February 18.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 19th January and London Parcels — (London date, 12th January)	Rawalpindi	February 16.

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Swatow	Anhui	Feb. 15, 12.30 p.m.
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Swatow	Sinkiang	Feb. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	Feb. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Wingsang	Feb. 15, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	Wed., Feb. 15, 2.30 p.m.
	THURSDAY	
Fort Bayard, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kwangtung	Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Dairen	Oder	Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Feb. 16, 8.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — due San Francisco, 23rd February.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Feb. 16, K.P.O.
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco — due San Francisco, 10th March.	Asama Maru	Thurs., Feb. 16, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Swatow	Szechuan	Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Athos II	Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
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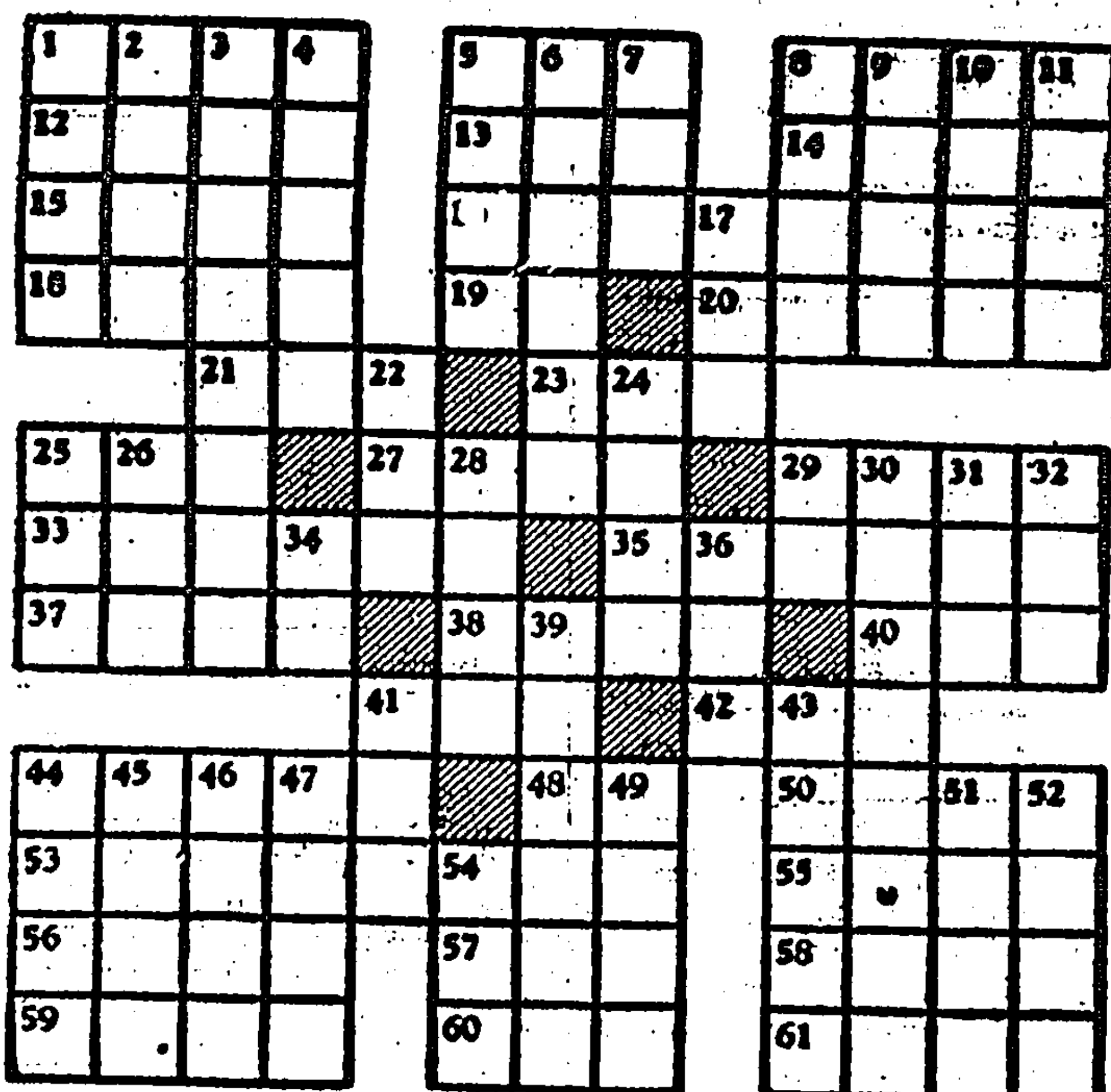
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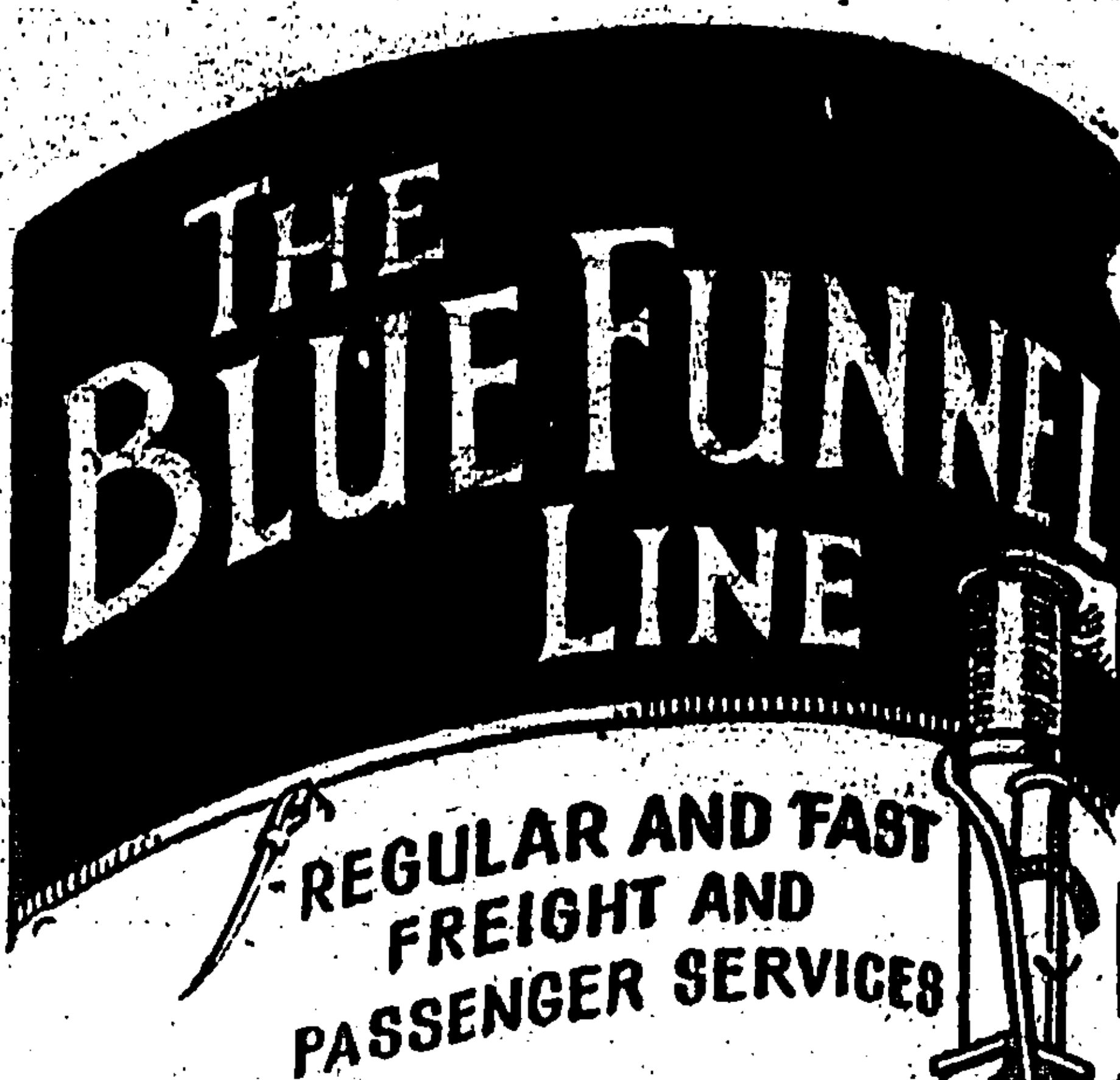
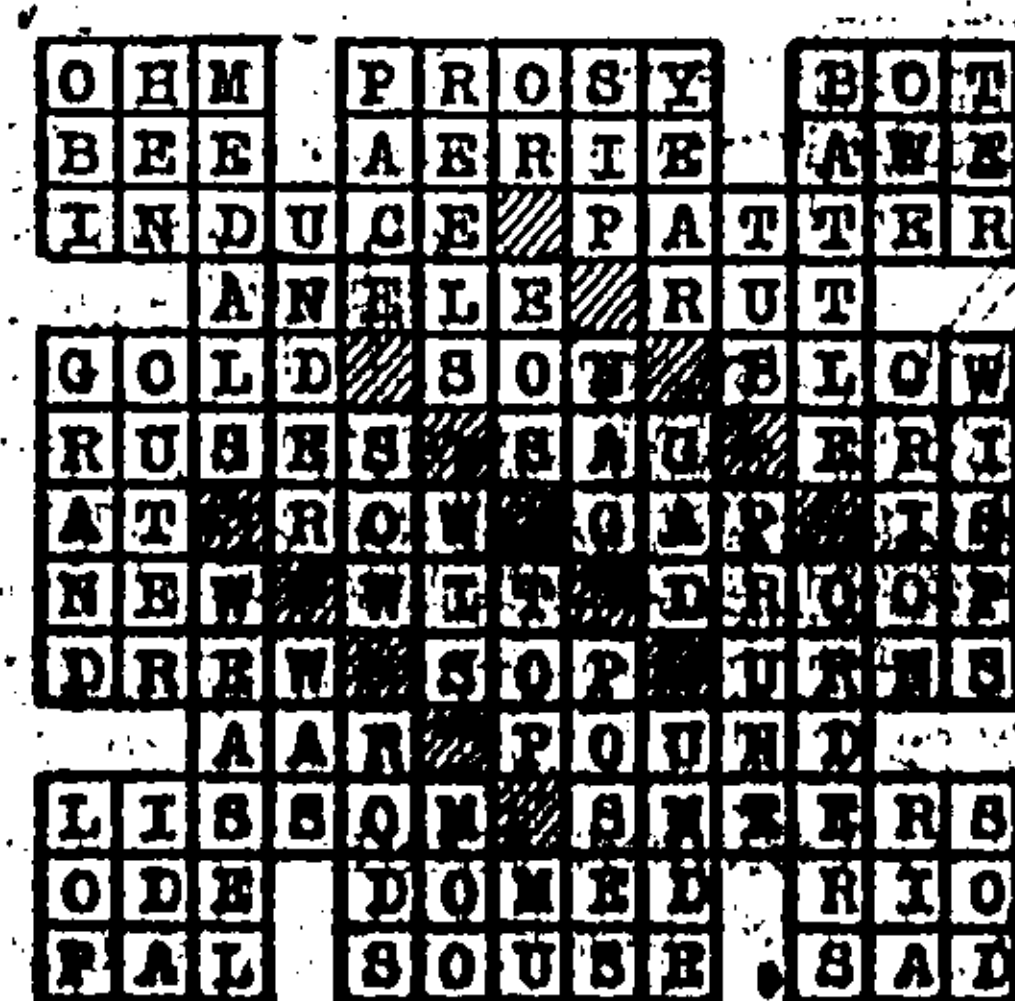
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- 1 Bag
- 5 Hiatus
- 8 Cupid
- 12 Frog genus
- 13 Curious scraps
- 14 Triangular piece
- 15 Theses
- 16 Spanish palace (variant)
- 18 Insect (pl.)
- 19 French article
- 20 To toy
- 21 To procure
- 23 Overly
- 25 Gaelic sea god
- 27 Vienna
- 29 Poison tree
- 33 A Cossack chief
- 35 To aim
- 37 Ridge on cloth
- 38 To mislay
- 40 Clear
- 41 French river
- 42 Dismal
- 44 Delicate purple
- 46 Part of infinitive

VERTICAL

- 1 To seize
- 2 Lineage
- 3 All of one piece
- 4 Past prime
- 5 Celtic tongue
- 6 Having handle
- 7 Moccasin
- 8 City of India
- 9 To drudge
- 10 Pertaining to speech
- 11 To depend
- 17 Japanese plant
- 22 Scottish: two
- 24 South Americans
- 25 Canon
- 26 Greek letter
- 28 Secretly
- 29 Preposition
- 30 Small turret
- 31 Land measure
- 32 Caterer
- 34 Pronoun
- 36 To mend
- 39 Display
- 41 To lease
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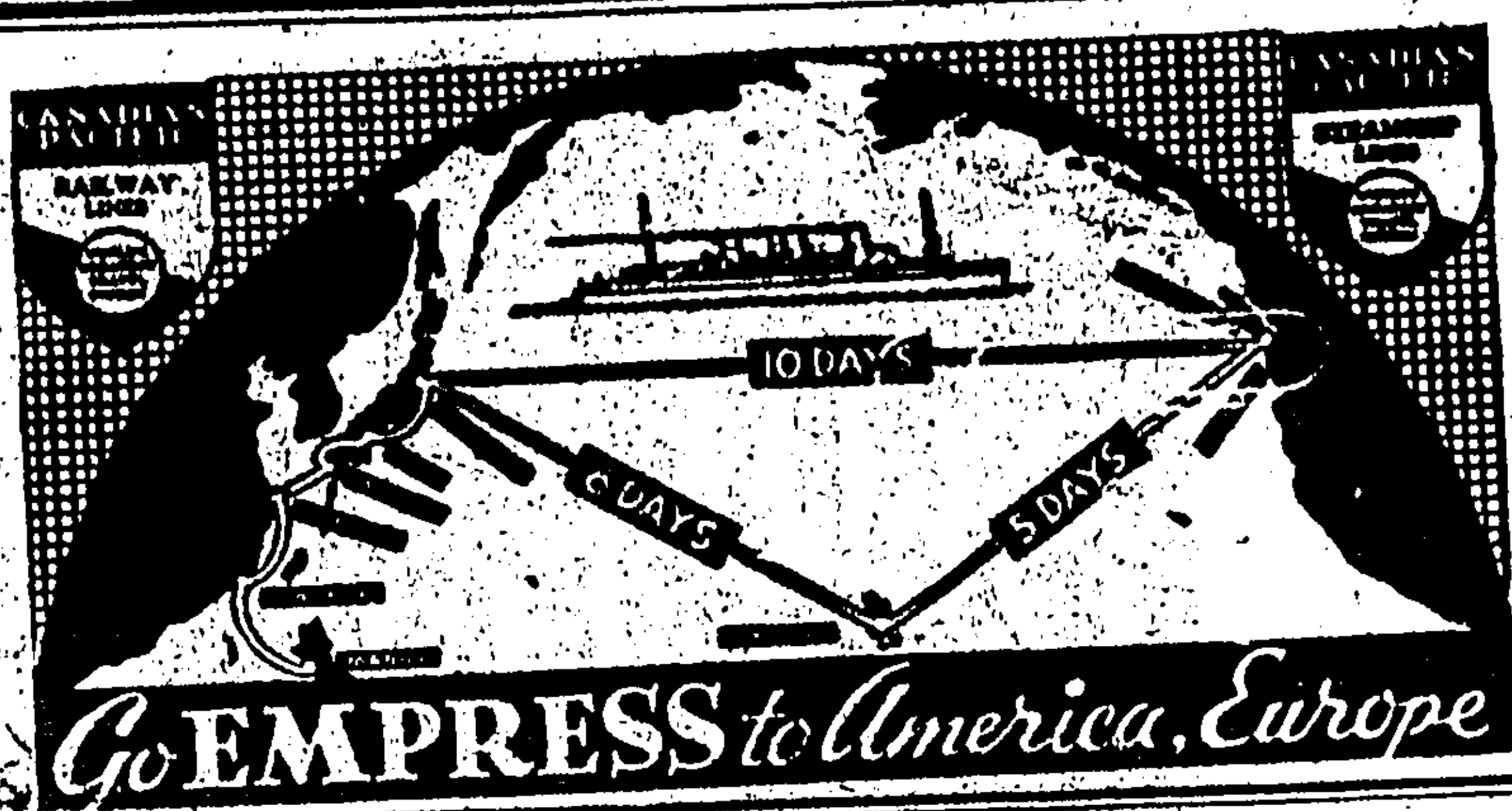
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SABOTAGE IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

A large number of telephone poles were cut and levelled to the ground yesterday by Arabs, and shots were fired at a detachment of police arriving at the scene on the road from Jerusalem to Jaffa.

The British authorities imposed a collective fine on the town of Akko on the assumption that some of its inhabitants had been responsible for this act of sabotage.

Curfew has been imposed in Jaffa, following an attack on a British police constable. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH GIRL'S SKATING TITLE

London, To-day.

Miss Megan Taylor, English holder of the world's figure skating championship, retained her title yesterday.

Miss Taylor obtained 373.22 points. Runner-up was an American girl with 359.24 points, followed by Miss Daphne Walker (Britain) with 358.09 points.

BELGIAN POLITICAL STALEMATE

Brussels, To-day.

M. Henri Jaspar, former Premier, returned to the King the mandate to form a new Government last evening, stating that he had failed in his endeavours.

Some of his difficulties, it is stated, were the opposition parties rejection of his suggestion that several non-party men should be included in the Cabinet, as well as the attitude of the Flemish politicians. — Trans-Ocean.

ARMS POSSESSION

Accepting the plea of guilty of unlawful possession of 45 rounds of ammunition, one rifle, one hand-grenade and nine ammunition slips from Tang Chau-man, Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, offered no evidence against four other Chinese who were charged together with Tang with possession of arms and possession of stolen property.

The four men were accordingly discharged by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Tang was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

COLDER WEATHER EXPECTED

The Royal Observatory report that a strong anticyclone is centred over N. E. China and Manchuria; ridges of high pressure extend from it to central Japan and Annam. The depression to the east of the Philippines appears to be filling up.

Local forecast:—N. E. and E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair, colder.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mrs. O. E. C. Marton was fined \$5 for leaving her car unattended in Queen's Road Central outside King's Theatre on January 30, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. E. Y. Kennard, was fined \$5 when summoned for speeding in Caine Road on February 2.

W. L. Young, was fined \$10 for overtaking a car by the left side at Queen's Road Central near Garden Road on February 3.

London, To-day.

Mr. J. S. Macpherson, Principle Assistant Secretary, Nigeria, has been appointed Chief Secretary, Palestine.

JAP. BUDGET

Tokyo, To-day.

The Budget for 1939-40 was unanimously approved by the Lower House yesterday.

Army and Navy expenditure accounts for one-third of the total, \$10,000,000 more than last year.—Our Own Correspondent.



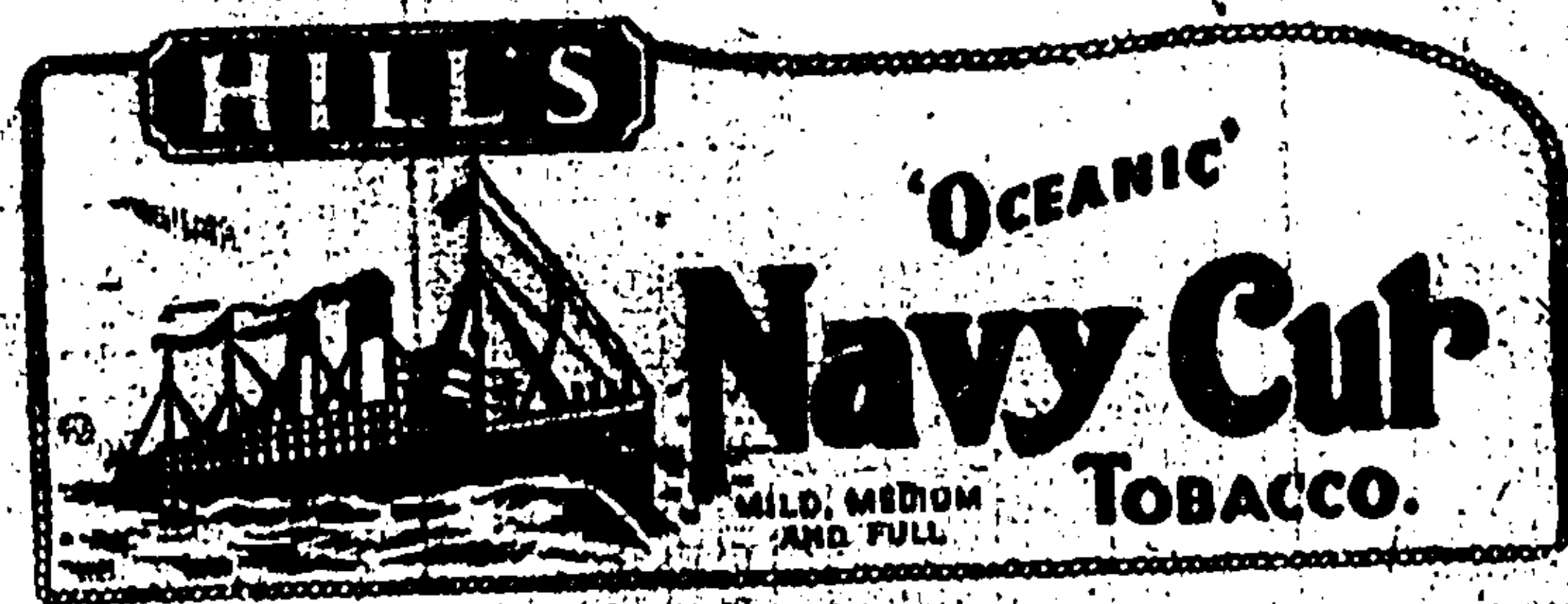
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MARCH OF A DICTATOR

(Continued from Page 2)

This extraordinary woman met Mussolini in Lausanne while he was a vagabond, and she pitied him. She collaborated with him in translation of Socialist works. She gave him all the aids which a restless, volatile, violent character requires if he is to keep his course. Ten years later when Mussolini was offered the editorship of the leading Socialist newspaper, *Avanti!* he insisted on having Balabanov as his assistant. For another two years their desks were side by side. Their paths parted at the outbreak of the Great War.

"Rarely in my life," Balabanov reports, "have I seen a human being so dependent on others." According to her story he confessed he was full of fears. Fears of what? "Myself! A dog! A tree! My own shadow!"

Mussolini, in his own Autobiography, does not mention her.

The King's Pardon

In December 1904, King Victor Emmanuel offered pardon for all Italian emigrants who by reason of their exile had not served their term with the Colours — provided they returned and reported. Mussolini at once took the train. He was assigned to the Bersaglieri stationed at Verona, a regiment notable for their picturesque green cock-feathered hat, their dog-trot march, and their fine battle record.

Mussolini served in the ranks from January 1905 until September 1906. He claims, "I can say that in every regard I was an excellent soldier." The boast is justifiable.

But hardly had the revolutionary put on the King's uniform when his mother was seized with meningitis. He was summoned to her deathbed. He rushed to the train. In a frenzy of anxiety he ran home from the station. It was too late.

All Mussolini's arrogant strength and combative armour, all his philosophical theorising, fell from him. He was inconsolable. He loved his mother as he had never loved anyone in his stormy life, "that one dear and truly near loving being, that one soul closest and eternally adherent to my own responses."

"Words of condolence, letters from my friends, the attempt to comfort me by other members of the family, filled not one tiny corner of the great void, nor opened even one faction of an inch of the Closed Door."

"My Mother had suffered for me—so many ways. She had for me lived so many hours of anxiety because of my wandering and pugnacious life. She had predicted my ascent. She had toiled and hoped too much, and died before she was 48 years old."

"She might have been alive now and enjoyed with the power of her maternal instinct my political success. It was not to be. But to me it is a comfort to feel that she, even now, can see me and help me in my labours with her unequalled love."

A thousand people from the little township of Dovia followed the coffin of this well-loved woman. Young Mussolini tried to say a farewell but he could not utter the words. He burst into tears and was able only to cast some flowers on her grave.

Next day he returned to his regiment.

To-morrow: The most dangerous man in Italy.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONTACT ON HAINAN QUESTION

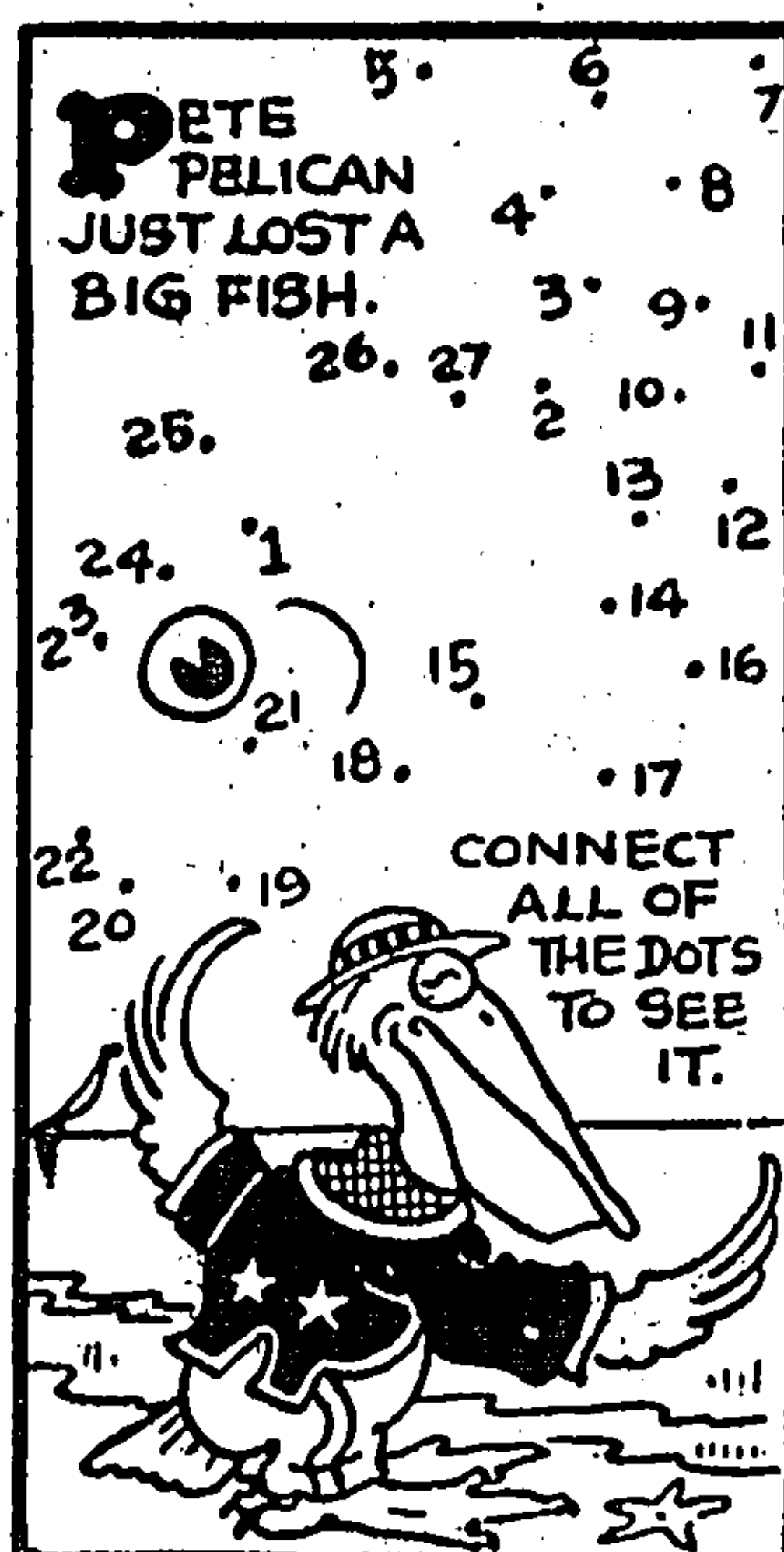
London, To-day.

The Prime Minister was asked in the Commons if he was aware that Japanese forces had been landed on the island of Hainan, and whether he would immediately consult with the French Government with a view to joint protection of Anglo-French interests.

Mr. Butler, who replied, said: "Yes, sir. The Foreign Secretary is already in touch with the French Government on this matter."

The Under-Secretary asked for notice of a supplementary question. — British Wireless.

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:



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RECOGNITION OF FRANCO IN PRINCIPLE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE FRENCH CABINET WILL TO-DAY AT THE MOST DECIDE TO RECOGNISE GENERAL FRANCO IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL DESPATCH SENATOR BERARD ON A SECOND VISIT TO BURGOS FOR A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

Leftist opinion would vehemently oppose any unconditional and immediate recognition and opposition in the country would be very great, while it is realised that such a step would entail the handing over of the Spanish Embassy in Paris to the Nationalists and the severance of relations with the Madrid Government, the handing over of Spanish gold held in

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France to General Franco, who the Left Wing paper "Le Soir" suggests, would use it to pay his war debts to Germany and Italy.

It is felt that the question of the internal Republican armies would also raise great difficulties. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

The French General Legation, homme, who was nominated on January 20, Commandant of the French forces stationed on the Somali coast, arrived yesterday at Djibuti.—Trans-Ocean.

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JEWS OFFERED SANCTUARY IN MINDANAO

London, To-day.

At another meeting of the Evian Refugee Committee held yesterday evening, the chairman, Mr. Myron Taylor, read a communication from the President of the Philippine Islands offering to settle a number of refugees on Mindanao Island.

The island, which has a good climate and which covers an area of 37,000 square miles, is sparsely inhabited and could take refugees on the condition that they became Philippine citizens and would undertake a subsistence for farming.

The Dominican Republic representative repeated his offer to accept 100,000 refugees under certain conditions.

The British delegate reported what Britain was doing and referred to the possibilities of settlement in British Guiana and Rhodesia.

The Dutch spokesman reported on the prospects of settling refugees on the island of Surinam.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16. "Spot" silver was quoted in London 20-7/16 and forward at 19 3/4. The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.68.56.

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H.K. Hockey XI Settling Down

Pyara Singh And Bond Were Very Good In Last Sunday's Encounter

OSMAN'S SOUND GOALKEEPING: LT. PRITAM NATH ILL

(By "STICKS")

IT was a pity that Lt. Pritam Nath was unable to play in last Sunday's hockey match at King's Park between the Colony Interport team and the Hockey Association Tournament side, which resulted in a clear cut win for the former by three goals to nil.

Sunday was conspicuous for the fact that practically ever member of the Interport team felt at his best and if the forwards can reproduce anything like their form of that day, Macao will have to be at their very best to avert a defeat.

In the absence of Pritam Nath from the Colony's attack, Malik was taken out of the left-half position and made to lead the forwards, while R. Marques was included in the half-back vacancy.

The Tournament eleven also had several changes, most conspicuous being the absence of Sgt. Dawson, of the R.A.F.

J. M. Pinto was brought into the vacancy at inside-left while in Parker's unavoidable absence (he was playing for Police in the senior Shield the same afternoon) E. Fowler was included at left-half.

GOOD ALL ROUND

The game was very fast and conspicuous for the fact that Colony's halves and backs were in splendid fettle, while the forwards made the most of their opportunities, Pyara Singh and Partaub being probably the two most dangerous forwards.

With Malik leading the Colony line in the first-half, the Interport players had an opportunity of playing in the positions they will fill against Macao.

Pyara Singh, playing an entirely new brand of hockey, was probably the most impressive on view, feeding Fowler and Malik with judicious passes after drawing his man and making the necessary openings.

Nerain Singh, filling the inside-left berth, was also dangerous on occasion, but hung a little too far back, while Partaub, on the left-wing, was always dangerous in possession and scored a very fine opening goal as a result of an individual attempt.

In the second half when Pyara Singh led the attack, with S. A. Fowler at inside-right and Malik on the right-wing, the first named player was probably at his best, scoring two grand goals and paving the way for several openings which should have been turned to better account.



FORWARD LINE SOUND

I am certain that if Lt. Pritam Nath reveals his usual form in Macao, we shall have nothing to worry about concerning the Colony's forwards.

Willy Reed and his wing-halves, Lt. Hook and Marques, were also in fine fettle on Sunday. Reed's amazing stamina, quickness in recovering his position after helping the attack and general distribution of the ball were as good as ever. Hook played a sound game behind the Fowler-Pyara Singh combination, while Marques held his own on the other flank.

There was little one could find wrong with our two full-backs, Bond's uncanny anticipation, clever interceptions and brilliant reverse-stick work were most prominent, while Gonsalves was steady without being unduly brilliant. Goodwin had practically nothing to do between the sticks.

OSMAN'S GOOD DISPLAY

One of the outstanding figures on display was Osman, the opposing goalkeeper. There was no question of him preventing the goals scored against him as he was hopelessly at a disadvantage on each occasion, but he did prevent the score from mounting with cleverly judged kicking clearances.

Carter and R. J. Reed were an ill-assorted pair of backs, although individually Reed was as good as any four of the defenders on view.

MISS MARIE SMITH SAILS FOR NEW ZEALAND

"Y" Ladies lost one of the best forwards this morning, when Miss Marie Smith, three times an Interporter, left the Colony for England via New Zealand.

Miss Smith has been probably the most consistent inside-forward in the Colony since the days she first played for Central British Association Ladies. She leaves today with the good wishes of all hockey players for a happy holiday and will probably return to the Colony in about eight months time.

Important T.T. Hockey Game To-day

The most important game in the Triangular Hockey Tournament will take place to-morrow afternoon on the Club ground where Club meet Army in their return encounter, after losing the first by 5 goals to 1 last week.

Club have made two changes in their forward line, A. H. Pontius and E. F. A. Morgan replacing T. S. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford, who have since left for Home.

Army, unless Lt. Pritam Nath makes a fast recovery, will be weakened at centre-forward. Following their display against Club, they should reinstate Drum Major Degnan at inside-right and drop Lt. Indarjit Singh.

Club's team to-morrow will be: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, A. H. Pontius, G. E. R. Divett (Captain), E. F. A. Morgan and R. A. Bates.

KWONG WAH VISITING MACAO

The Kwong Wah football team are visiting Macao during the Chinese New Year holidays and will play two games, one against Combined Macao and the other against Mr. de Mello's team.

They will leave for Macao after their League games on Saturday.

It is strange that he has never made an appearance before in a representative match!

Hassan was the pick of the Tournament eleven half-back line and worked very hard throughout, although he was inclined to over-indulge in dribbling at times when distribution to his winger was called for.

DANGEROUS LINE

In spite of the absence of Dawson, the Tournament's forward line was very sound, clever combination and fairly sound understanding between the five players being featured. Gurbachan Singh was probably at his best and had very hard luck with two shots which just skimmed the goalposts, while D. Smith gave a fine performance on the right-wing, centring accurately into the circle.

The Selectors have made a fairly good job of their task and although Macao have a very impressive record to date, they will have to go all out and produce much better form than they displayed against Army recently to stave off Colony's challenge.

PEN SKETCHES OF PHILIPPINE SOCCER TEAM

The following are pen-sketches of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation Interport soccer team, which is expected to arrive in the Colony next Thursday.

They play their first match against the Colony side on Sunday, on the Causeway Bay ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.:

Following are pen sketches of the Manila football team:

Rafael Ygoa (Goal-keeper). Age 24, weight 145 lbs., height 5 ft. 10 ins. Member of the La Salle team from 1932 to 1937. Toured Java in 1936 and Siam in 1937. Considered best goal-keeper since 1935 and voted best all-time Filipino goalkeeper.

M. Miranda (Left-back). Age 22, weight 150, height 5 ft. 10 ins. Member of champion La Salle team since 1934. Toured Java and Siam. Picked for All-Philippines against Islington Corinthians. In Manila considered fastest man on field and now considered one of the best backs in Philippines' football history.

J. Pacheco (Right-back). Age 20, weight 135 lbs., height 5 ft. 6 ins. Member of Powerful Letran Football Club and selected for all-Philippines in 1938. Fast and steady back, uses both feet with equal ability.

J. M. Hernandez (Half or full-back). Age 23, weight 155 lbs., height 5 ft. 9 ins. Member of Far Eastern Olympic team in 1934, Sto. Thomas University 1935 to 1937. Now plays for the Y.C.O.A.C. Tireless defensive player with plenty of determination.

P. Urgate (Centre-half). Age 21, weight 145 lbs., height 5 ft. 9 ins. Member of La Salle team which won championship of Manila and National League from 1935 to 1938. Member of Java and Siam touring teams and All-Philippines from 1936 to 1938. Tenacious in defence, good ball control and spear head in the attack. Plays the third back game.

E. Valles (Left-half). Age 20, weight 140 lbs., height 5 ft. 9 ins. Another La Salle star since 1935. Toured Java and Siam. Hard-working in defence and attack, powerful left-footed kick and unlimited stamina.

R. Neito (Right-half or full-back). Age 22, weight 140 lbs., height 5 ft. 8 ins. Y.C.O.A.C. since 1934. Rugged defender with powerful kick in both feet.

E. Heredia (Inside-right). Age 27, weight 145 lbs., height 5 ft. 10 ins. Played for Philippines in 1930 and 1934 at Far Eastern Games, member of La Salle team since 1934 and toured Java and Siam. Fast and a quick thinker he brings off many unexpected shots from acute angles.

Alex. Boisserie (Inside-left). Age 28, weight 140 lbs., height 5 ft. 7 ins. An old friend from Shanghai, whom he has represented several times. Now plays for Y.C.O.A.C. Since his arrival in the Islands he has never been omitted from any Manila selections. He is at present considered the outstanding player in the Islands.

A. Reyes (Outside-right). Age 25, weight 125 lbs., height 5 ft. 5 ins. Another member of the La Salle champion team. Toured Java and Siam. A good and fast dribbler with a powerful shot in both feet and is accurate with his centres.

A. Larrazabal (Inside-right). Age 20, weight 150 lbs., height 5 ft. 7 ins. Member of La Salle. Toured Siam in 1936. Powerful player with strong kick very dangerous in forward line.

C. Montes (Centre-forward). Age 21, weight 140 lbs., height 5 ft. 7 ins. Member of Letran Football Club since 1936. Not an experienced player but a very promising player possessing good ball control and football sense.

J. Cabarrus (Left-half). Age 20, weight 135 lb., height 5 ft. 5 ins. Plays for Y.C.O.A.C., promising player in defence with plenty of stamina.

J. Raquiza (Inside-right). Age 22, weight 135, height 5 ft. 9 ins. member of San Beda Club. New player to Manila competitive football, but shows plenty of promise. Very fast, he shows flashes of brilliant form, coupled with clever play and well-timed passes.

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P.I. Soccer Team's Rough Voyage

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THEIR STRONGEST AVAILABLE PLAYERS

(By "REFEREE")

The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's Interport football team and reserves sprang a surprise on the Colony when they arrived in Hong Kong to-day instead of to-morrow.

The team, which was supposed to have arrived here by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia to-morrow, took advantage of the fact that the S.S. Lanao, a Philippine Coastal boat, was travelling to Hong Kong to undergo docking.

A very rough crossing was made and with the ship devoid of any cargo, nearly all the footballers were kept in bed for the majority of the voyage!

Alex Boisserie, who played for Shanghai in 1936 against the Colony, is a member of the visiting team and expressed much pleasure in again being able to meet Hong Kong friends.

WELL-KNOWN SPORTSMEN

The team is under the management of Mr. D. Calvo, who is himself a former Philippine Far Eastern Olympic star, who managed the Filipino Basketball team to the last World Olympiad at Berlin, in 1936.

Mr. Calvo said that the majority of their games in Manila had been held at night, but he was certain that playing in the day time would be no handicap to them at all.

FINEST COMBINATION

They had probably the finest combination of players the Islands were able to send, with an average age round about 23 years. Travelling with the team are Mrs. Rafael Ygoa, wife of one of the two goalkeepers.

Another civilian travelling with the team is Mr. E. Viaplana.

The visiting Interporters were met this morning by Mr. W. Porter, on behalf of the H.K.F.A. while they were later met at the Hotel Cecil, where they are being put up by Mr. C. Guingam, Mr. Wong Katsun, Mr. A. W. Goldenburg, Secretary of the Association and Mr. Lee Wai-tong.

The Philippine footballers will be seen this afternoon on the South China Athletic Association ground at Caroline Hill for a loosening-up, but will have their first real runaround to-morrow afternoon.

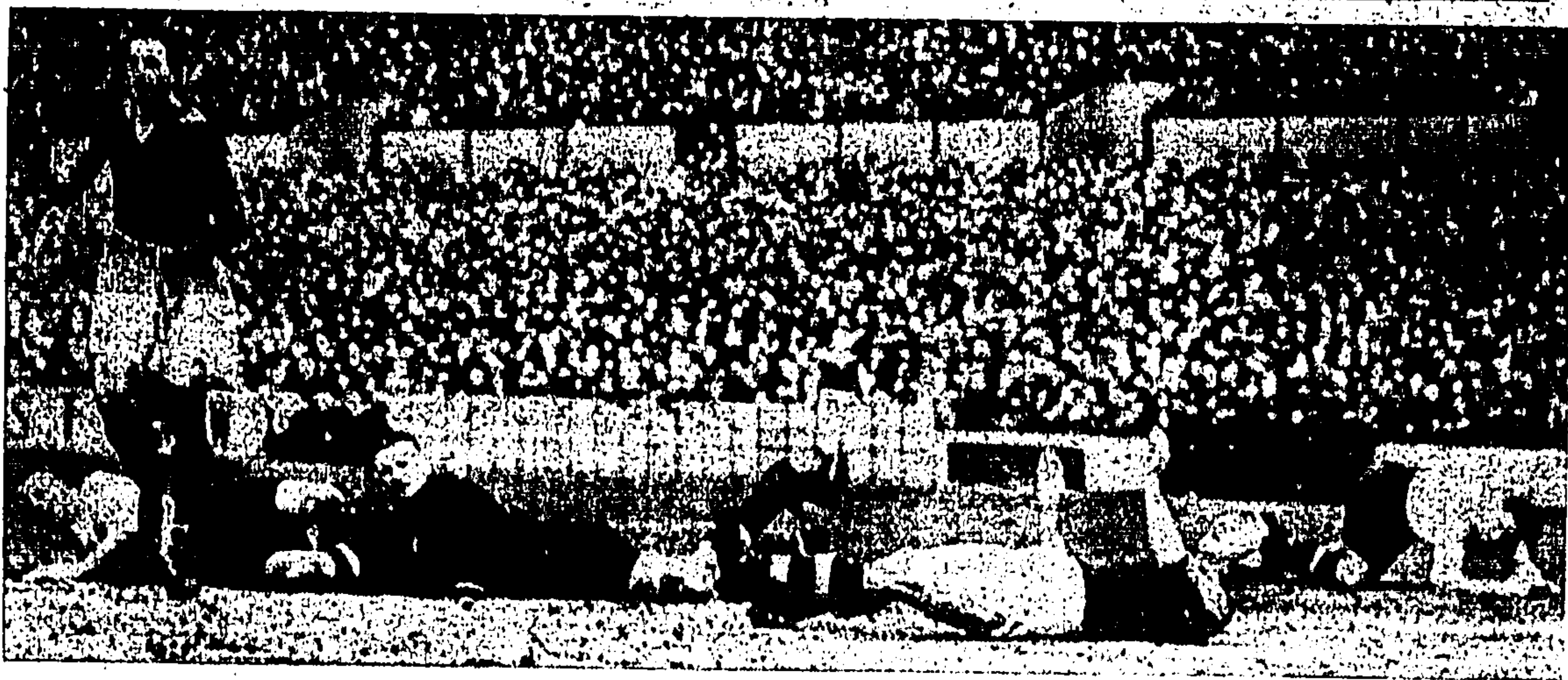
Pen-sketches of the visiting team will be found on page 22 of this paper.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY SIGN SCOTTISH FORWARD

Seventeen-year-old Patrick Meagher, a half-back of St. Cuthbert's, an Edinburgh amateur club, has been signed by Sheffield Wednesday, with whom he has been on trial since November 1938.

D. I. BOSANQUET WINS SQUASH TITLE

D. I. Bosanquet won the Open Squash Tournament organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club when he beat Paul Welch in the final.



Amazing scenes were witnessed during the replay in the fifth round of the F.A. Cup between the Spurs and West Ham, at White Hart Lane, London. Hitchins (Spurs), Hooper (Spurs), Macauley (West Ham) and Foxall (West Ham) were all injured during a raid on the Spurs' goal, and are seen here stretched out with only (Copyright, Fox).

WOLVES AND HUDDERSFIELD BOTH AT HOME

F.A. CUP SIXTH ROUND

London, To-day.

The following is the draw for the Sixth Round of the F. A. Cup Competition, which will be held on March 4:

Chelsea or Wednesday v Sheffield U. or Grimsby.

Wolves v. Birmingham or Everton.

Huddersfield v. Sunderland or Blackburn.

Portsmouth v. Preston.—Reuter.

Pensioners Again Hold Wednesday

London, To-day.

In their Fifth Round F.A. Cup replay, Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea were featured in a goalless draw after extra time. In their original encounter last Saturday, they shared two goals.

In the Third Division North, Barrow beat Darlington by two clear goals in a home fixture. — Reuter.

JACK CRAWFORD RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

Melbourne, To-day.

Australia's 1939 Davis Cup tennis team, which is expected to reach the final, will be as follows:

Jack Crawford, Adrian Quist, John Bromwich and Harry Hopman, who will be captain and manager of the team.

Outstanding feature of the team is the return of that master of stroke play, Jack Crawford, who returns to Davis Cup competition after a year's absence. — Reuter.

ENGLISH F.A.'S SHORT TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, (By Air Mail).—Twelve matches, including three Tests, will be played by the English Football Association team which tours South Africa this year. It will be the shortest tour ever made by an English side to the Union. The team will arrive at Capetown on May 25, and leave for England on July 7.

Mr. C. Wreford-Brown, the old English captain, will be in charge of the party.

Scots' Rugby XV To Meet Ireland

London, To-day.

The Scotland International Rugby team to meet Ireland at Dublin on February 25 is as follows:

G. Roberts (Watsonians); Innes (Aberdeen University), D. J. Macrae (St. Andrew's University), R. Shaw (Glasgow High School), Fyfe (London Scottish); Bruce Lockhart (London Scottish) and Dorward (Gala); Henderson (Edinburgh Academicals); Graham (Edinburgh Academicals), Purdie (Jedforest); Horsburgh (London Scottish) Roy (Waterloo); G. Shaw (Sale); Mackenzie (Edinburgh Wanderers), Young (King's College Hospital).—Reuter.



Sydney Benefit Match For Oldfield And Kippax

Sydney, (By AIR MAIL).—The testimonial match which the New South Wales Cricket Association has granted to the former Australian Test players, W. A. Oldfield and Alan Kippax, for their long service to cricket, has been fixed for December 1 to 5, at the Sydney cricket ground.

Although this season's Sheffield Shield competition has not yet been completed, the New South Wales Association has already adopted the fixture list for the 1939-40 season, which was arranged at a conference in Melbourne last December.

South Africa Complete Test Team

TWO NEWCOMERS

Johannesburg, To-day.

The following have been selected to represent South Africa against England in the Fourth Cricket Test match which begins here on Saturday:

A. Melville (Transvaal), captain, B. Mitchell (Transvaal), A. D. Nourse (Natal), K. Viljoen (Transvaal), E. A. Rowan (Transvaal), P. G. M. Van Der Byr (Western Province), E. L. Dalton (Natal), A. B. C. Langton (Transvaal), N. Gordon (Transvaal), S. Newson (Transvaal), and R. Grieveson (Transvaal).

ABSENTEES

Notable absentees compared with the last Test side are E. Q. Davies, the first bowler, and W. W. Wade, the wicketkeeper.

M.C.C.-RHODESIA MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

Salisbury, To-day.

The match between the M.C.C. Tourists and Rhodesia was drawn, rain interfering with play when the home team had lost 6 wickets for 95 runs.

Scores were:

M.C.C. 180 and 174 for 2 dec. Rhodesia: 96 (Sam Goddard 6 for 38 including "hat-trick") and 95 for 6 — match abandoned-rain).

— Reuter.

KILDARE POLO CUP

The First Round of the Kildare Cup Polo Competition was played off on the Army Polo ground, at Boundary Street, yesterday, between the Stooges and the Optimists, who received a handicap of three points. The former won by 8 goals to 3.

To-morrow at 4 p.m., the H.E.M.R.A. will play the Fixed Defences. Later a match between the Stooges and the United Services will be held. The final round will be played off on Friday at 4.15 p.m.

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V.G.J. JENKINS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

(By AIR MAIL)

Vivian G. J. Jenkins, full-back for Wales in 14 international matches, has retired from international Rugby football. Mr. Walter E. Rees, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union, stated:—

"I have received a letter from Jenkins asking that he should not be considered for international matches in future, but I cannot give you the context of the letter until I have placed it before my Committee. The letter arrived by the second post and I have not quite got over it yet."

Jenkins, who was an outstanding member of the British team that toured South Africa last year, gained his Blue for Oxford as a centre three-quarter in 1930, and the two

following years helping the Dark Blues to two wins and a draw against Cambridge.

FINE RECORD

From the time he was first chosen for Wales against England in 1933, however, he has occupied the full-back position, and only four times in international matches, including the game at Twickenham last Saturday, has he been on the losing side.

For years he has been regarded as the best full-back in the four Home Countries. Possessing an eminently safe pair of hands, he combines a wonderful sense of anticipation, with speed in running, splendid length in kicking, and relentless tackling.

HIS "CAPS"

His international appearances were:—

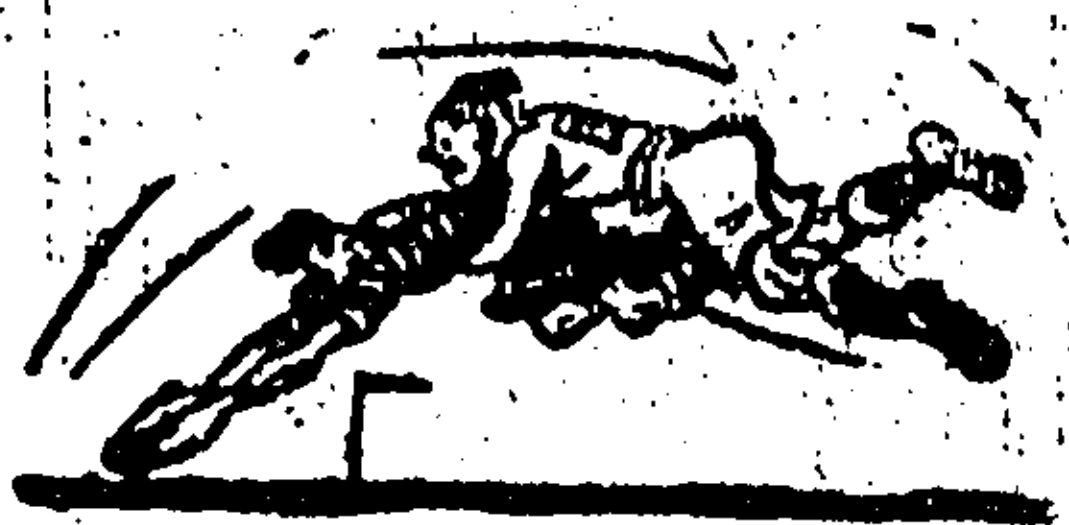
v. England, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939.

v. Ireland, 1933, 1934, and 1936.

v. Scotland, 1934, 1935, 1936, and 1938.

v. New Zealand, 1936.

He also gained a Blue for cricket as a batsman in 1938, and has appeared for Glamorgan in county championship games.



RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FIRST ROUND REPLAYS

London, To-day.

Two replays in the first round of the Rugby League Cup were held yesterday and resulted as follows:

Wakefield 23 Broughton 5.

St. Helens Recreation 12 Liverpool Stanley 3.—Reuter.

MORE BADMINTON ENTRIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

In addition to the Badminton entries published in yesterday's final edition of the "China Mail", T. F. Yong (University) has entered for the Men's Singles (Senior) championship, while T. F. Yong and L. Sung (University) have entered for the Men's Doubles Championship.

BUT A. ROWAN AND A.P. STEYN DECLINE

Johannesburg, (By Air Mail).

The 17-year-old schoolboy, Athol Rowan, brother of Eric Rowan, the South African Test player, who has a record of excellent all-round performances in high school cricket during the past two seasons, has rejected an offer of three years' contract as a professional from an English club. The offer included top-grade professional wages of approximately £400 per season.

Rowan, who recently matriculated, intends to follow a career in Johannesburg.

It is understood that A. P. Steyn, the Griqualand West batsman, also received an offer. It is stated that Steyn's offer came from Glamorgan, but so far he has not made any decision concerning acceptance.

A RECORD

Rowan recently finished his school cricketing career after a very successful season, scoring 1999 runs in twelve innings (a school record), for an average of 171.28. He also took forty-six wickets for an average of 7.28 per wicket.

NO CIVILIAN ENTRIES FOR MARATHON RACE

39 Servicemen In To-day's Event

Thirty-nine service entries have been received for the annual marathon race which will be held Kowloon to-day under the auspices of St. Andrew's Club. The starting point and finishing post will be at St. Andrew's Club, and the race will begin promptly at 5 p.m.

Boy Scouts will be stationed at various points, particularly at the turns, to advise competitors as to the correct route. Competitors must keep to the metalled part of the road, and must not use the footpaths unless directed to do so by the police.

Mrs. J. R. Higgs will present the prizes at the conclusion of the race. The following are the officials:

Starter, J. P. Robinson. Judges, —Lt. Cdr. Helbert, R.N., Lt. Col. Smith, A.D.C., Rev. J. R. Higgs, E. F. Fincher and H. Kew.

The following are the entries:

Mld. Lochore and O. S. Terry (H.M.S. Kent); A. B. Drydale and M. Truckle (H.M.S. Olympus); C. Brown (H.M.S. Grampus); L/Sgt. Hascocks, L/Cpl. Ure, L/Cpl. Burnett, Pte. Onslow, Pte. Whitty, Pte. Bribble, Pte. Caul, Pte. Shaw, Pte. Jennings, Pte. Sheehan, Cpl. Ellis, L/Cpl. Noble, L/Cpl. Merton, Pte. Dunne, Pte. Hughes, Pte. Roberts, Pte. Evans, Pte. Cox, Pte. Boggia, Pte. Heather (Middlesex); Fl. Sgt. Sanderson, A. B. Clarke, A. B. Morris (H.M.S. Eagle); L/Cpl. Macdonald, Pte. Manson, Pte. Massie, Pte. Wilson, Pte. Henderson (Royal Scots); A/C. Moulton and A/C. Cranston (Royal Air Force); Stoker Lord (H.M.S. Scout); L/Cpl. Truscott, Sgmn. Lewis, Sgmn. Croston (Royal Corps of Signals).

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(By "GRAND STAND")

LAST Sunday's Softball fans were treated to three interesting games in the Men's League. All three games were corkers as the scores indicate.

In the opener, the Midgets just managed to squeeze in three runs in the sixth inning to give them a 5 to 4 win over the C.B.A. huggies. George White and Herbie Quon twirled for the Midgets and held the British Boys to only four bingles. In the sixth frame, with two outs Sammy Wong, the Midgets captain and star catcher, rapped a grass burner to third base line, allowing Herbie Quon to cross the home plate.

Following Sammy at bat in the same inning, Freddie Lay clouted a beauty to bring in the two winning runs.

Stan McNider, the C.B.A. left-fielder, was very safe out in the garden, where he nabbed two "sky Scrappers" to hold the Midget sluggers down. Hutchison, playing center-field for the Midgets, had a perfect day at bat. He made three hits out of three times at bat.

SPORTING GESTURE

Out of 90 odd men in No. 3 (M.G.) Coy. C. S. M. Porter could only field seven Softball tossers in their game against the Hong Kong Baseball Club. It was very sporting of Doc Molthen, Captain of the Baseballers, to allow the Emma Gees to field two players from the C.B.C. to complete a team.

The encounter turned out to be a tight one. H.K.B.C. nosed out the Gunners, 5-4. Doc Molthen and Porter started something new when they agreed to have girls umpire their game. Addie Greiner, the Cardinal hurler, called ball and strikes behind the plate and Kay Ho called them on bases, and they did a very good job of it too.

In fact these females umpired just as good as most of the "know it all" umpires in the League.

Good fielding featured the game on both sides. Each team made 21 put-outs and miscued only twice apiece.

Archie Hung the M. G. right-fielder, was spectacular with his catches. He scooped four flies on the run. Third sacker Harris shone on the field for H.K.B.C. Red Bell and Sammy Izatt were the longest hitters of the fracas.

DAY'S BEST TILT

The closing game between the Chinese Baseball Club and Canadian Chinese was the best tilt of the day. The C.B.C., last year's champions, were lucky to emerge victorious by 5-4. In the first of the sixth canto, the Canucks were leading 4-2. C.B.C. coming to bat in the last of the sixth, garnered three runs to put them in the lead and place the game in the bag.

Al Lau's two miscues at Short-stop and one fumble by G. G. Lee, at the initial sack, cost the Maple Leafs the game.

Tommy Chan pitched great ball for the Champs, and his coolness on the mound was admirable. Lan Wong hurled a good game for the Canadians and would have won the game but for the three costly errors made by his infielders.

Wong only allowed four scattered hits. G. G. Lee, the Maple Leaf first sacker, executed a double-play unassisted. He put Choy out on a

bee-line fly and got Tommy Chan flat-footed on his way down to second. L. Bunn the C.C.C. third baseman, took the honours with the stick. He clouted three clean bingles out of four trips to the plates.

CARDINALS GOING DOWN?

The Cardinal nine which was one of the most promising teams in the Women's League at the start of the season, suffered their second defeat on Sunday when the Cubs gave them a 27-18 trouncing.

The Redbirds started well, setting the Cubs batsmen down in 1-2-3 order for the first two stanzas. In the third inning, the Cubs began hitting Addie Greiner's offering and, aided by numerous errors, the Bruins chalked up eight runs in this frame. From the third frame on, the Cardinals played terribly loose ball, making 15 errors in five innings. Marie Roza, at second base, in place of Phyllis Gittins, who was out of the lineup on account of an injury, played very badly in her new position. She missed practically every ball that came her way. On account of errors made by the Redbirds, hurler Addie Greiner had to face 50 Cub batters and allowed 18 hits. That's tough going for any pitcher.

For the Cubs, Ada Chang pitched good ball and had better support from her fielders. The Churn sisters were in the limelight for the Bruins. Vivienne clouted the longest hit of the clash, stole three bases and scored three runs. Eva was good with the stick, stole two bases and crossed the plate twice. The Cubs stole 10 bases to the Cards nil.

Using the services of three twirlers to no avail, C. B. A. Ladies took another belly-flop last Sunday. This time the Panthers gave the Britishers a 12 to 7 licking. Dot Bottomley started on the mound for C.B.A., but for some reason she gave way to Margaret White in the fourth frame. Mrs. White did not do so well on the slab, so Eve Rufflo, with her smoked glasses, came to the rescue in the fifth stanza, but it was too late. After resting for three innings at third base, Dot Bottomley came back on the mound and held the Panthers in check to the last canto.

Irene Tavaras pitched the whole game for the Panthers. Despite her small size, Irene is one of the best pitchers in the Ladies League. She has good form and is very cool on the mound. In time she should develop into a great hurler. Dot Bottomley and Dolly Sequiera divided honours by clouting a homer each.

SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE:

MEN'S LEAGUE

Midgets 5, C.B.A. 4.
H.K.B.C. 5, No. 3 (M.G.) Coy. 4.
Chinese Baseball Club 5, Canadian Chinese 4.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Cubs 27, Cardinals 18.
Panthers 12, C.B.A. 7.

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

Socony 10, Hong Kong Electric 9.
"Lacas" 12, National City Bank 6.
Ewo 24, China Underwriters 16.
Hong Kong Bank 10, A.P.C. Shell 9.
R.A.F. 35, American Express 5.

C. Marques looked like a million dollars at the windy-alley for Panthers. Her catching and throwing was something. Mentor Harold Winglee should be proud of. Betty Stoker, behind the plate, and Betty Payne, at short-stop, both played good games for C.B.A.

BANK'S NARROW WIN

The strong Shell aggregation were humbled by Hong Kong Bank 10-9 in a hard fought game. After a shaky start, the Oilers settled down to play ball, but poor pitching gave the game away. G. Gutierrez started on the mound for Shell, but was yanked out after he issued nine passes to first and allowed C. Lopes to clout a homer off him when bases were "drunk."

"Man Mountain" J. J. Remedios took over the assignment, but he too was erratic, allowing seven Bankers to go to first on balls. Captain Hal Wing Lee, of the Oilers, tried all the tactics he knew to bring in more runs, but was not quite successful. Wing Lee's perfect bunt along third base line brought in one run, but was not enough to win the ball game.

G. M. Gosano did sterling work on the mound for the Bankers. He allowed ten hits and only two passes to first. Tubby Sa played a good game at the initial sack, whilst C. M. Xavier was again brilliant at left field for A.P.C. Only three mis-

ces were chalked up on each side. **EXPRESS TOO SLOW!**

In a one sided game, the R.A.F. Fliers swamped the American Express to the tune of 35 to 5.

Stewart, of the R.A.F., established a new record by slugging five homers in six times at bat. Stewart is an experienced ball player, and was one of the first organizers of baseball in England. Waggoner was the only outstanding player for American Express.

Ewo overwhelmed the China Underwriters clan 26-16. E. A. Gaubert hurled good ball for Ewo and had the Underwriters guessing most of the time.

Soares was very erratic on the mound for Underwriters, and his delivery was knocked all over the lot by the Ewo gang. "Babe Ruth" G. Ribeiro smacked two homers and one three baggers for Ewo.

It should have been three homers for the "Babe," but on the third clout he got winded and had to take a short rest at third base. Bill Knox played a brilliant game behind the plate and his batting was good.

"Lacas" outfielded the National City Bank and won 12-6. Henry Noronha pitched a good game, but his outfielders did not give him much support. It's evident that the National City Bankers need more practice in nabbing those flies out in the outfield. Led by K. Nazarin, "Lacas" looked like real ball players. Their hitting and fielding were exceptionally good.

Hong Kong Electric gave Socony a good fight in a game which went one extra inning. Socony just managed to squeeze in the winning tally in the eighth frame.

Figuereido was quite erratic on the mound for Socony, but tight infielding by Brown at first, A. V. Gosano at short-stop, and Harris, at third, save the day for Socony. Sousa pitched a good game for the Electricians, but did not get the breaks.

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Ballads We Love Programme At 8 p.m.

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and Orchestra Mascotte.
Aquarellen—Waltz (Jos. Strauss—arr. Hohné); Die Schönerbrunn—Waltz (Lanner—arr. Hohné).
Orchestra Mascotte.
Moi J'Crache Dans L'Eau (Jean Tranchant); Tourne Et Vire (Jean Tranchant);... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra cond. by M. Iza Volpin.
Die Weber—Waltz (Lanner—arr. Hohné); Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel);... Orchestra Mascotte.
Si Petite (Bayle and Claret); Sans Toi (Sarvil and Scott);... Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orchestra cond. by M. Iza Volpin.
Marienklänge—Waltz (Jos. Strauss—arr. Hohné)... Orchestra Mascotte.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
"Broadway Melody of 1938"—Selection; "The Singing Marine"—Selection; Hit Parade—Selection.
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

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Fox-Trots—There's A New World (film 'O-Kay for Sound'); The Fleet's In Port Again (film 'O-Kay for Sound')... Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.
Waltz—Neapolitan Nights... Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Rev. J. Ernest Sandbach. Subject: "Life among the Chinese and Tribes people, off the Beaten Track in Yunnan."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) This is my night to dream; (b) Wacky Dust; (c) My heart is taking lessons; (d) Oh! Boom.
6.14 p.m.—Record: Maria Mari (di Capua); Whispers At The Dance (from Meyerhold's Lied)... Serge Krish Septet.
6.21 p.m.—(a) To-night will live; (b) An Old Straw Hat; (c) Solitude; (d) My Bonnie lies over the Ocean.
6.35 p.m.—Record: When I'm With You (film 'Poor Little Rich Girl')... Leslie

Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
Happy As The Day Is Love (from 'The Cotton Club Review'); Rainsin' The Rent (from 'The Cotton Club Review')... Ramona (Piano).
6.44 p.m.—(a) Hawaii Calls; (b) A Tisket A-Tasket; (c) Love is a Merry-go-round; (d) Good-night Ladies.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
"Zampa"—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey); Air De Ballet; Callirhoe (Chaminade).
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Royal Palaces'—2. St. James's Palace. Written by L. Du Garde Peach. Produced by H. Rooney Pellétier.
7.45 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra.
Meditation (from 'Thais'—Massenet); Largo (from 'Xerxes'—Handel); Intermezzo (from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'—Mascagni); Song Of India (from 'Sadko'—Rimsky, Korsakov).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Ballads We Love.
My Dear Soul (Byron-Sanderson); O Dry Thos Tears (T. del Riego)... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Organ and Violin Obligato.
It is Only A Tiny Garden (Haydn Wood)... Danny Malone (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Down Vauxhall Way (Oliver)... Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore.
Ballads Of Yesterday (Teresa del Riego). Intro: Thank God for a Garden; Homing... The Hon. W. Brownlow (Baritone) with Orch.
The Lost Chord (Proctor & Sullivan); Love's Old Sweet Song (J. L. Molloy)... Dame Clara Butt (Contralto) with Piano.
11 p.m.—Close down.

8.28 p.m.—Grieg—Holberg Suite, Op. 40. London String Orchestra conducted by Walter Gohr.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Caroline Braga.
1. Prelude in A Flat Major, Op. 28, No. 12 (Chopin).
2. Mazurka in C Sharp Minor, Op. 6, No. 41 (Chopin).
3. Impromptu in B Flat Major, Op. 142, No. 3 (Schubert).
4. La Soiree as Grenade (Debussy).
5. The Love and the Nightingale (Granados).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Mr. Gillie Potter.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Violin Solos by Efreym Zimballat.
Burlesca (Spk); The Zephyr (Hubay, Op. 30, No. 5); Tallahassee (Scott)... with Emanuel Bay at the Piano.
10 p.m.—London Relay—The City of London—1. What the City is and does by Alan Ivimey.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quickstep—Shy; Swing Step—I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Big Chief "Swing It" (film 'The Joy Parade'); Goona Goo... Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain.
Waltz—Delyse; Fox-Trot—At The Balalaika (from 'Balalaika')... Jack Hyllton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—Blues In My Heart; Cocktail Swing... Nat Gonella & His Georgians with Vocal Refrain.
Tangos—Golden Stars; Eternal Sun... Heinz Huppertz & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—I'd Like To See Samos Of Sainoa (film '52nd Street'); Tango—Lonely Troubadour... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trots—Picture Me In Paradise; After All These Years... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
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Pass			

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♠ 6 4
♥ J 10 9 x
♦ Q J 10 x x
♣ x x

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QUESTION NO. 23

Both sides are vulnerable, Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

♠ 10 x
♥ x x x
♦ K 10 9 x x
♣ A J x

The bidding goes:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♠	2♥	(?)	•

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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♠ K 10 8 4	♥ 10 9 8 7	♦ 2	♣ A Q 6 5
♠ J 7 2	♥ Q 6 3	♦ J 9 5	♣ K 10 4 3
♠ A 6 5	♥ A 4 3	♦ A Q 7 8	♣ J 9 8

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

In modern bidding the opening notrump has become known as the "limit" bid. By this is meant that the fluctuation between a minimum and a maximum opening one-notrump bid is only the equivalent of a King. It is generally unwise to go beyond these limits in either direction; but in to-day's hand South decided to open a weak fourth-hand notrump, hoping the bidding would progress no further. To his consternation North jumped immediately to game, and now West opened the ten of hearts.

Declarer played the Jack from dummy. East covered with the Queen, and now there were only eight tricks in sight, with clubs totally unstopped. Dummy's spade Queen furnished the only possibility for a ninth trick and, thinking quickly, South decided to try to "sneak" this in rather than run off the diamond suit and give away the situation. South's thought processes were evidently much faster than his West opponent's, for when the small spade was led, West ducked, the Queen won the trick and the contract was home. A cold zero had been transformed into a top for North and South.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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250 KILLED IN RUTHLESS AIR RAIDS ON SPANISH TOWNS

Madrid, To-day.

Nationalist air raids throughout the central portion of Spain are being carried out with increasing ruthlessness.

Over 250 were killed yesterday in raids on Alicante, Cartagena, Valencia and other towns, and the Nationalists claim to have sunk a Government destroyer in Cartagena harbour.

The renewed air raids are obviously for the purpose of breaking civilian morale.

In Madrid yesterday, the Premier, Dr. Juan Negrin, broadcast a further appeal to Republican Spain.

Dr. Negrin called for a supreme last effort to preserve the Republic. Only then, he said, could they stand united.

Pamphlets and posters have appeared in Madrid exhorting the population to aid in the defence.

MILITIA DESERT

Women are being enrolled in increasing numbers for factory work, while war invalids are being medically examined and are either sent to the front or put to work in factories.

It is variously estimated (says a despatch from Le Perthus) that 200,000 to 400,000 refugees have entered France from Spain. Of the thousands of militiamen who have entered France, most are proceeding to Nationalist Spain.

So quickly did they stream over

the border into General Franco's territory yesterday that the Nationalists could not cope with the rush.

Some thousands are still in Hendaye, on the French side, and an agreement has been reached by which 6,000 will enter Nationalist territory daily.

CIANO'S VISIT TO WARSAW

Warsaw, To-day.

The date of the official visit to Warsaw of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, has been provisionally fixed for February 25.

According to reliable information, Count Ciano will pass through Berlin on his way back. He will be received by Hitler and have talks with the German Foreign Minister. — Trans-Ocean.

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FIGHTING IN NORTH HAINAN

Kweilin, To-day.

Fighting is going on in the northwestern part of Hainan Island, according to a spokesman of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters for the South-West.

The spokesman said that the Japanese invasion of Hainan Island has no great significance so far as Japan's war in China is concerned, but it is a direct challenge to Great Britain, France and the United States in the Pacific.—Central News.

BRITISH WORKERS TO DEFEND FACORIES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FACTORIES' DEFENCE UNITS, FORMED TO DEAL WITH ATTACKS FROM LOW-FLYING AIR RAIDERS, HAD THEIR FIRST PRACTICE AT DUNGENESS CAMP, ON THE KENTISH COAST, YESTERDAY.

About 130 men attended the practice, which was carried out with moving targets.

Tracer bullets, fired from machine-guns, were used.

REMAINS OF GEORGE V BEING MOVED

London, To-day.

The remains of the late King George V are being moved from their present burial place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

A new sarcophagus is being designed and will be placed in the Nave opposite the Memorial to the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria.

The sarcophagus is being designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Road Fund has spent £19,000,000 in new construction during the past year, it was revealed yesterday.

This Ministry of Transport announces that 338 new major schemes

were put into effect.

Trunk roads numbering 4,500 were modernised, 1,000 foot-paths were built and 8,000 bends were banked.

During the year 6,000 miles of tramways were abandoned.

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